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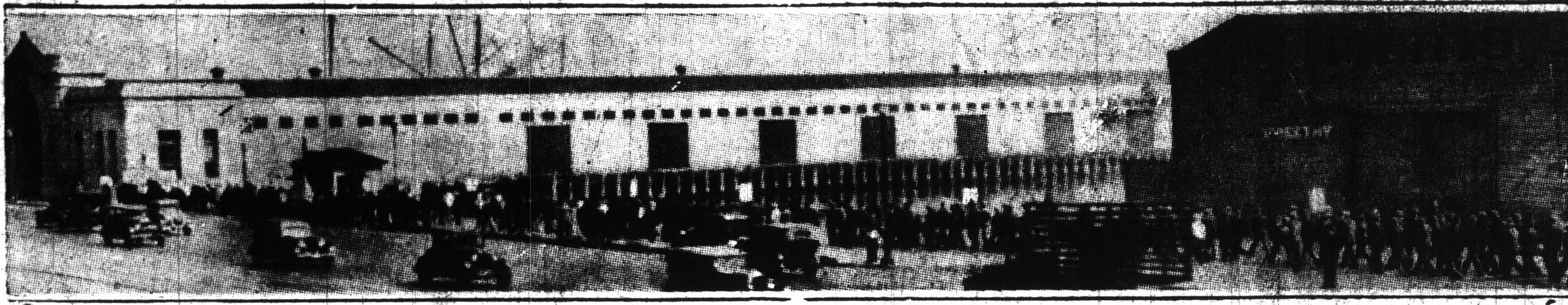
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# EAST, GULF SOLIDARITY WITH WEST GROWS

ONCE AGAIN PICKETS ON THE EMBARCADERO—HOW IT LOOKED DURING 1934 STRIKE



## State, Nation Defeat Anti- Labor Landon

Not Decisive Victory  
For Progressives,  
Says Browder

The American people have repudiated the Fascist program of Alf Landon, presidential candidate of the Republican Party, Hearst and the Liberty League!

Giving President Roosevelt the largest popular vote majority and the largest electoral vote in the history of the United States, the people completely snowed under the Republican Party, which carried only two states with eight electoral votes.

"The results of the elections constitute a defeat for the worst reactionaries, but not a decisive victory for the progressives," declared Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President.

"The results are also a rebuke to the red baiters."

"One of the most encouraging signs is the large vote cast in New York City for the American Labor Party."

"The correctness of our analysis" (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

## SEA UNIONS IN 3 BASIC DEMANDS

(Maritime News Service)  
SAN FRANCISCO—Only three basic demands are involved in the Maritime Unions present strike of 39,000 West Coast seamen and longshoremen.

They are, as reviewed for Admiral Harry G. Hamlet, representative of the U.S. Maritime Commission, by the unions before they walked out at midnight, October 29:

1. Continuation of the preferential employment method.
2. Payment of overtime in cash and not in time off.
3. The eight-hour day for members in every department of the ship's crew.

Regarding the first issue, the Joint Negotiating Committee for the unions wrote Hamlet: "This can work NO hardship on the employers for it is merely the continuation of the practices now in effect."

On the matter of paying for overtime in cash and not time off, the committee argued: "This will not cost the shipowners anything as the present award provides for overtime and this merely covers the method of payment. In no other industry of which we have knowledge is overtime paid in any manner than by cash. There is absolutely no basis for the argument that work performed should not be paid for."

Resounding Defeat Is  
Given Hearst In  
California

(See Page 2 for tabulation of votes cast for Communist candidates in California.)

California, home of William Randolph Hearst, gave a resounding defeat to the program of the Fascist publisher in the presidential elections.

Alf Landon, the candidate of Hearst, Wall Street and the Liberty League, trailed far behind President Roosevelt in the state returns, which showed more than 700,000 plurality for the President.

Incomplete returns from San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Contra Costa County, San Mateo County, San Bernardino County, Orange County and Riverside County showed 6251 vote for Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President.

"Sectarian campaign of the Socialist Party, which proclaimed the false and unrealistic main issue of 'Socialism versus Capitalism,' resulted in a tremendous drop for the Norman Thomas ticket, which incomplete returns showed trailing the Browder-Ford ticket."

In San Francisco, complete returns, Browder polled 1434 to 851 for Thomas; in Los Angeles, incomplete, 3779 for Browder to 2944 for Thomas; in San Diego, 500 estimated for Browder; in (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

## King Case Bias Charge Hangs Fire

SAN FRANCISCO—Although the frameup trial of Earl King, secretary of the Marine Firemen, E. G. Ramsay and Frank Conner, in the Point Lobos murder case is technically set for next Monday, the motion of the defense to disqualify Judge Ogden is still hanging fire. The disqualification motion was based on charges of bias.

Defense attorneys are expected to stipulate that any judge who has not been connected with District Attorney Warren's office will be satisfactory to the defense. Ogden was associated with Warren, and is therefore charged with bias.

## Jobless Will Support

LOS ANGELES—To show the solidarity of the unemployed with their brothers in the trade unions, the Workers Alliance will be ready to mobilize hundreds of its members for the maritime unions' picket lines in San Pedro when they are needed.

## SOLID DEFENSE OF MADRID BY SPAIN PEOPLE

Workers' Militia In  
Counter-Attack  
On Fascists

MADRID—With unlimited courage and determination, the people of Spain stood solid in defense of Madrid, despite repeated bombings of the city by Fascist aircraft, killing chiefly women and children.

Despite handicaps of poor armaments against the perfectly equipped Fascist troops, whose arms are provided by Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, the workers' militia fiercely counter-attacked the Fascists outside of the capital.

Spanish government fliers shot down one big Fascist bomber in flames over Madrid.

The defenders of the legal government of Spain are determined that Madrid shall not fall into the bloody hands of the Franco-Mola Fascist armies.

LONDON—Outlandish charges by the British government and the German Nazis, that the Soviet Union has been shipping arms to the Spanish government in violation of the non-intervention pact, were completely blasted at the meeting of the non-intervention committee here.

Food, clothing and trucks are all that has been shipped to the Spanish people by the Soviet Union.

## BLACKLISTING RULES SALINAS

SALINAS.—Betrayed by reactionary officials, the lettuce strikers find themselves at the mercy of the Grower-Shippers Association.

The sabotage of Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union secretary Doss and president Shevlin finally left the strikers in a position where it became apparent that the strike, after two and a half months of valiant struggle on the part of the membership, was lost. The union members voted 2 to 1 the other day to call the strike off.

The settlement handed them by Edward Vandeleur and Gov. Merriam permits the employers to keep non-union help, and to refuse jobs to any union members they regard as "trouble-makers"—meaning progressive members.

The old wage scale—75 cents an hour for packers and 55 cents for trimmers, remains in effect. Preferential hiring, which was the basic strike demand, was abandoned by the officials; a system of local preference, which takes in non-union men, is contained in the settlement.

SAN FRANCISCO—Counsel's arguments in the Tom Mooney habeas corpus hearings will probably be heard before the State Supreme Court soon after the first of the year.

## 19th Birthday of the Soviet Union

Dreamland Aud. To Be Scene for S.F.'s  
Most Gala Celebration In History;  
Two Mass Meetings In L.A.

Hearts of 170,000,000 citizens of the Soviet Union will quicken and stir with joy, pride and happiness on Saturday, November 7th, in celebration of 19 years of triumphant Socialism.

Celebrating with them will be countless other millions of working people throughout the world, of the 1936 presidential elections.

Socialism in building a new, happy and prosperous life for the Soviet people will be outlined by Roy Hudson, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., the guest speaker of the evening.

Hudson will also give an analysis of the 1936 presidential elections.

PROSPERITY IN REMOTE MONGOLIA



INDUSTRY UNDER the Soviets marches on even in remote, and previously wild, undeveloped outer Mongolia, whose people once roamed wild, had no written language, no industry at all. Since they allied themselves with the Soviet Union, and set up a Mongolian People's Republic, they have begun to modernize themselves. Photo was taken in huge industrial combine at Ulan-Bator, capital of the People's Republic—a combine including leather, shoe, cloth, fur and other factories.

including four joyous celebrations in California.

San Francisco workers will trek out to Dreamland Auditorium Saturday, starting at 6 p.m. until midnight, for the most elaborate, most entertaining, most inspiring celebration of November 7th in San Francisco history. The victorious achievements of

Frank Spector, C.P. Organized in S.F. County, will be chairman.

Food in many languages will be served from 6 p.m. to inaugurate the celebration. The entertainment will include Russian dancers, International Songs by Faith and Anna Barber, "Pre- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

## Strike Proves Labor Party Need

Editorial

THE ELECTIONS are over, but the strike is still on. The maritime strike, which has tied up not only the Pacific Coast, but almost the entire Atlantic and Gulf Coast, has already given scores of examples of the need for independent political action by labor, to back up even the most effective economic struggle.

The employers and their political agents have not hesitated to engage in political action. A few examples:

Governor Merriam rushed into print with a statement that the strike is due to "Communist influence."

Mayor Rossi declared a "state of emergency" in San Francisco, and started alarmist reports about "food shortages," etc., to justify the appointment of the head of the notorious Citizens Committee of 1934 to "represent the city" and lay the groundwork for vigilante action.

The Los Angeles Police Department demanded \$44,000 for police guards on the San Pedro waterfront, and was turned down by the Finance Committee of the Los Angeles City Council, ONLY AFTER THE I.L.A. AND OTHER MARITIME UNIONS ENGAGED IN POLITICAL ACTION when they protested against the appropriation.

The Mayor of Philadelphia declared the strike "illegal" and ordered the arrest of all pickets, but withdrew the order when the unions ENGAGED IN POLITICAL ACTION and organized a mass protest.

The Mayor of New Orleans ordered the arrest of pickets and (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

## Atlantic Seamen Will Set Own Demands; All Unions Solid in West

Over 214 Ships Tied  
Up By East and  
Gulf Seamen

NEW YORK—The 15,000 seamen on strike on the East and Gulf Coasts were all set to meet on Friday, to formulate demands of their own.

The East and Gulf strikers, who have tied up over 214 ships, struck originally at the call of the Seamen's Defense Committee, as a measure of solidarity with the West Coast strike.

Their strike is legal under union rules, since it was voted at a regularly called meeting of the union members. (Reactionary I.S.U. officials walked out of the meeting last week, without adjourning it.)

Reactionary Officials Herd Seabs Latest reports quote the I.S.U. reactionary officials, like Grange, Clarence Angle and Ivan Hunter, as stating that they had already begun recruiting strikebreakers to man the ships tied up by the rank and file.

Huge concentrations of police are reported as preparing to back up the shipowners and reactionary I.S.U. officials' strike-breaking efforts.

At least 17 Atlantic and Gulf ports are struck. Longshoremen (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

DANGER AT SEA



WHAT STRIKING SEAMEN ask for certainly deserves the support of all organized labor and the general public. A sailor's life on shipboard is one fraught with danger. Photo shows member of crew of ship Sand Merchant being hauled aboard a freighter which rescued seven seamen after their ship capsized recently in Lake Erie gale. Eighteen seamen were lost.

## Warehousemen See That Public Gets Food Necessities

Despite failure of conferences on Thursday, the Warehousemen's Union stated:

"The union will continue to co-operate in the interests of the public and give releases and supply men necessary to remove immediate perishables."

SAN FRANCISCO—Leaders of the 1500 striking warehousemen showed that only the union members have the interest of the public at heart, when they agreed to further release of food supplies for the public.

Under an agreement between Warehousemen's Union, I.L.A. Local 38-44 and the Wholesale Fruit and Produce Dealers' Association, highly perishable fruits and vegetables in cold storage warehouses were released on Thursday.

"Concession To Public" The 85-cent an hour rate demanded by the union in the strike was being paid for removing the perishable food in many warehouses.

"We are doing this," stated President Denton of the Warehousemen, "because we realize the people must be fed. It is a concession to the public."

B. F. McKibben, spokesman for the Pacific States Butter, Egg, Cheese and Poultry Association, showed how little the employers care for the public, with his association's refusal to allow removal of needed food under a union permit system.

Union demands are wage increases from 62 1/2 to 85 cents an hour; a 40-hour week, and preferential hiring.

Negotiations with some groups are continuing.

Pacific Strikers Consider Public Interests In Actions

(Other strike news on Pages 2, 7 and 8)

Orderly and with system, the 39,000 Pacific Coast maritime strikers are maintaining their picket lines solid over a 150 mile area.

So far, the iron discipline of the strikers has made it next to impossible for the ship owners and the authorities to spring any provocations.

The East Coast strike which began as a solidarity strike with the West Coast, has grown to such an extent that at least 15,000 seamen of all crafts are reported out, with close to 214 ships tied up on the East and Gulf Coasts. East Coast strikers were set to adopt demands of their own on Friday.

Further proof that the shipowners have stood and still stand in the way of peaceful settlement, which the unions desire, was shown when the Shipowners Association of the Pacific, representing 75 steam schooner owners, refused to reopen negotiations with the Masters, Mates and Pilots Union.

No reason was given for this refusal.

Public Considered The Coast Policy Committee of all the unions recommended to have union men remove all perishable foods—both ships' stores and cargoes, from strikebound vessels.

This recommendation was submitted to the port strike committees.

Maritime workers were up in arms at reports that U. S. Steamboat Navigation inspectors in Portland were taking the numbers of licensed men who had struck there. The Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association saw in this a threat to deprive the licensed men of their right to strike, by punishing them.

Certain federal authorities have indicated that they are sympathetic with the shipowners' demand for government intervention against the strike.

Secretary of Commerce Roper said he had not yet definitely refused to approve the request of Joseph B. Weaver, chief of the Bureau of Marine Navigation (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

## Bargemen Strike For Own Demands

STOCKTON.—Six hundred bargemen have struck 15 companies in a demand for wage increases and shorter hours. The strike is not a sympathy strike with general maritime strike on the West Coast.

The bargemen are members of Bargemen Union, affiliated with the I.L.A. They operate barges on the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers and on San Francisco Bay.

Bargemen employed on an hourly rate basis are asking increases from 87 1/2 cents an hour to 90 cents and from 85 cents an hour overtime to \$1.35. Men employed on monthly rates are asking an increase from \$100 to \$104 a month. A 6-hour day is also demanded.



# Big \$12,000 Drive For Support of Daily and Western Worker is Opened Up!

THE California State Committee of the Communist Party appeals to the people of California and the West to guarantee the publication of the Western Worker for the coming year and to contribute the annual California quota for the support of the Daily and Sunday Worker.

To this end a campaign for \$12,000 will be carried out between November 15th and March 1st.

We are confident that this sum will be raised in record time by the masses in factories and trade unions, on farms and in cities, who have been reached by the Communist Party in the election campaign just ended.

The masses in California and throughout the country recognized with the Communist Party that the basic issue confronting the American people today is the issue of Democracy against

Fascism. Throughout the campaign the Communist Party pointed out that this issue would not be settled by the election.

The issue of Democracy vs. Fascism is still the main issue confronting the American people and the need for building a Farmer-Labor Party is greater than ever.

The movement toward a Farmer-Labor Party must grow into a national avalanche! The American people must demonstrate that their vote for Roosevelt was not a blank check! Reaction has received a rebuke, but is not yet defeated. It must be beaten!

The Communist Party and its working class press can play a decisive role in building the Farmer-Labor Party for the defeat of reaction.

Trade Union Members: Give to the papers that support your

day to day fight for bread and decent working conditions, to the papers which fight vigilantism, reaction and open shop!

Farmers: Give to the papers which fight monopolies and power trusts, to the papers which support your demand for the unincumbered use of your land against the banks and landlords who seek to take it away from you.

Small business people: Give to the papers which defend your interests against the banks, trusts and chain stores, to the papers which demand that the cost of government and relief be put on the shoulders of the rich, who can pay.

Supporters of Democracy and Peace: Give to the papers which lead the fight against reaction and Fascism, to the papers leading the fight for a Farmer-Labor Party as the only guarantee that the American people can retain their democratic rights

and institutions against the forces of Hearst-Wall Street reaction.

The big advertisers and the forces of reaction will do all they can to stop the Daily and Western Worker. We are confident that the American people will guarantee our continued existence.

The State Committee instructs all county and section committees to set up local campaign committees. It requests all sympathizers of the Communist Party and the Farmer-Labor movement to set up similar committees.

Do not wait until you are approached directly. Send your contributions to the State Campaign Committee for the Western and Daily Worker, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

CALIF. STATE COMMITTEE, C. P. U. S. A.

In its next issue, the Western Worker will announce quotas agreed upon at a conference of California county organizers.

## SAN BERDOO OUTRAGED AT VIGILANTISM

### C.P. Nominee Denied Free Speech For Third Time

SAN BERNARDINO—Public reaction is strong here against the vigilantes and hoodlums, led by the American Legion, who three times used force and violence to prevent Charles McLaughlin, Communist candidate for Congress in the 19th District, from speaking for his campaign over radio station KFXM.

The majority of the citizens of San Bernardino are outraged at the Legionnaires' flouting of the Constitution, many of them openly expressing their indignation on the streets.

McLaughlin was stopped from making his third scheduled speech last Monday night, when the vigilantes cut main power transmission wires leading to the station, shortly before the C. P. nominee was to go on the air.

McLaughlin, who planned to prevent him from entering the radio studio, when he arrived two hours before the time set for the broadcast and booted the door from within.

A crowd of 1000 jammed the hotel in which KFXM is located, and the nearby street. The crowd remained comparatively orderly, despite efforts of vigilante provocateurs to incite a riot.

## West Coast Strike

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and inspection, to open up a series of "sea service bureaus," or federal hiring halls, on the Pacific Coast. Such a system would mean that the unions would have no say in hiring.

The placing of navy or naval reserve "safety crews" aboard ships has also been requested of the government by shipowners' representatives in Washington.

Despite the fact that the maritime unions' strike committee have conducted picketing and other activities with the utmost peacefulness, Los Angeles police authorities have increased the police force on the San Pedro waterfront to 600, and the Seattle city council plans to discuss a bill to prohibit mass picketing by setting up a deadline 50 feet away from the piers.

Attempts of the shipowners and the lumber corporations to create antagonism among the timber workers against the maritime workers through claiming that the strike had forced the closing of lumber mills, received a severe blow when 70,000 members of the Sawmill and Timber Workers Union in the Northwest assessed themselves \$1 each to aid the maritime strikers.

Proof that the unions are out to maintain peacefulness was given such as the San Pedro strike committee setting up a union police system to guard against anti-union provocateurs and the Seattle unions meeting with Police Chief Sears to discuss means of preventing any clashes.

## Strike Proves Labor Party Need

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is attempting to break the strike.

And Edward F. McGrady, Assistant Secretary of Labor and Roosevelt's representative here, has been issuing threatening statements against the strike and the maritime unions, as a "challenge to the government."

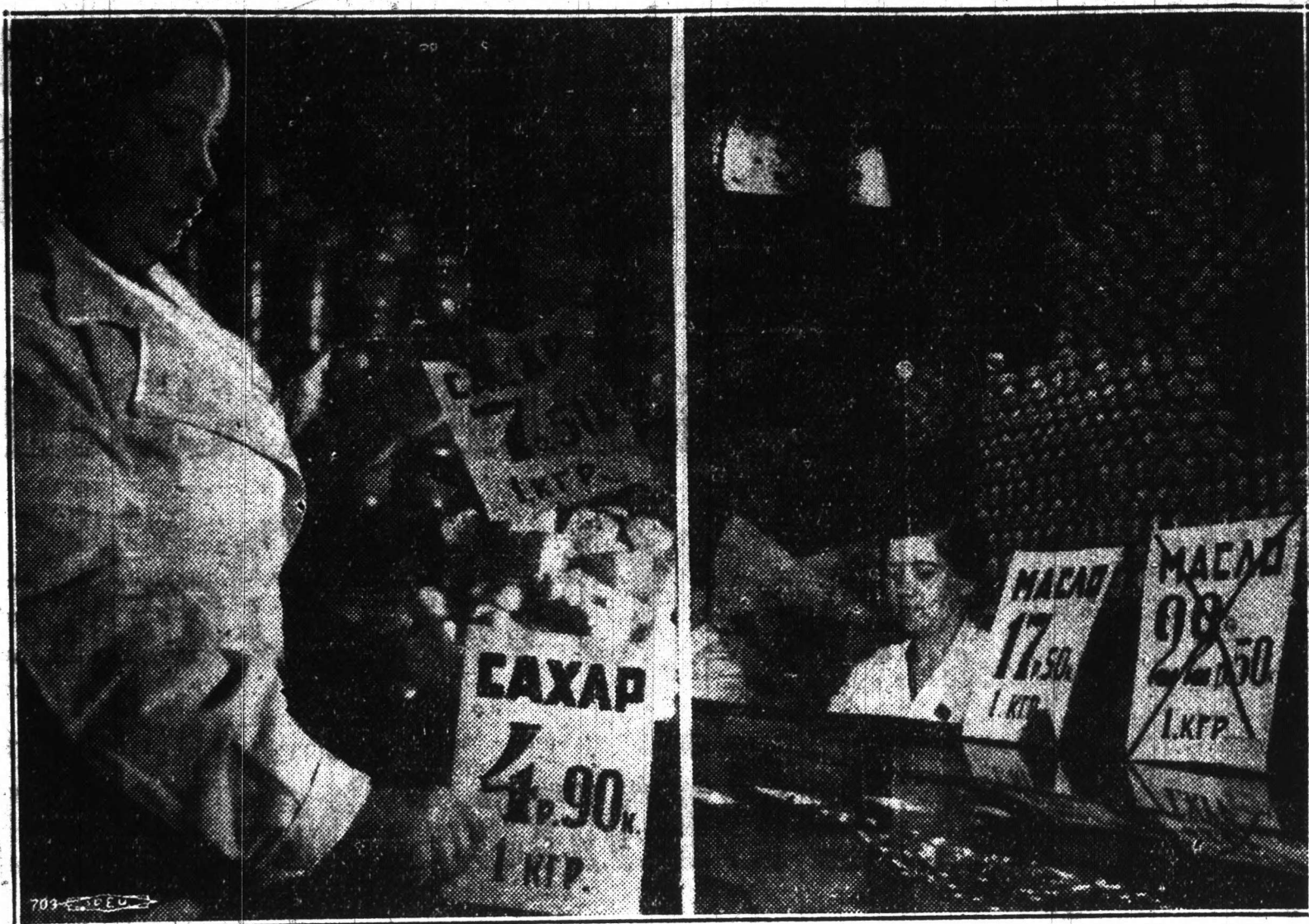
And shipowners' agent Weaver, of the Bureau of Navigation, is demanding "government hiring halls," a Fascist set-up.

And the Copeland Bill, signed by Roosevelt, still hangs as a sinister threat over the heads of the seamen, through the admiralty-backed Maritime Commission.

Every maritime worker must realize that as long as labor is tied to the kite of the Democratic or Republican party, they will be confronted with this sort of thing whenever they engage in any struggle for their most elementary rights. What the workers need is a Labor Party, or a Farmer-Labor party, to back up their economic struggles, to repeal the anti-picketing ordinances, the Copeland Bills, the Criminal Syndicalism laws, and adopt effective social and labor legislation to protect labor's rights and its needs. Your battle will be twice as effective if it is backed up on the political field by labor's own party, entering the fight for local, state, and national office.

Organized Labor must look ahead to the 1937, 1938, and 1940 elections. Start by building a Farmer-Labor Party NOW!

## PRICES GO DOWN WEEK AFTER WEEK IN SOVIET UNION



HERE'S A TYPICAL scene nowadays in the Soviet Union, where people are celebrating the 19th anniversary of their liberation from capitalist oppression. Scene shows prices being marked down in a grocery store in Moscow. Increased, planned production makes possible lowered prices. A different story in the U. S. A.

## PEDRO UNIONS HIT COP THREAT

### No Need For Police In Strike Area

LOS ANGELES—As a result of pressure from union organizations, the Los Angeles City Council on Thursday refused to approve an appropriation of \$44,500 for expenses of police assigned to strike duty in San Pedro.

LOS ANGELES—The proposed allocation of close to fifty thousand dollars for the maintenance of six hundred Los Angeles policemen assigned to the waterfront area for "preservation of peace" was protested by officials of the International Longshoremen's Association.

Other unions to protest were the San Pedro local No. 9 of the American Radio Telegraphists Association, and Local No. 9 of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America.

All three unions protested that in 1934, the expense of feeding and housing the additional police forces were paid for by the shipping companies. They pointed out that there was no necessity for the police to be sent to the strike area and urged that the council make immediate reconsideration of the matter. It was further demanded that Mayor Shaw veto any action taken by the council.

C. H. Hunt, representing the longshoremen, conferred Wednesday with Councilmen Wilson and Stephen W. Cunningham and Arthur Eldridge, general manager of the harbor department. Wilson, who is chairman of the council's finance committee, later in the day called a meeting to discuss with Chief of Police James E. Davis the request for allocation of strike funds and to consider the protests lodged against it.

## NOT DECISIVE VICTORY FOR PROGRESSIVES

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ysis and the unrealistic position of the Socialist Party are already indicated by the partial returns in New York City, which show a substantial increase in the vote of our party and quite a decrease in the Socialist Party vote."

In addition to the complete failure of the red-baiting campaign carried on by the Republicans against Roosevelt, the results also significantly showed the complete failure of Father Coughlin's Fascist Union Party, whose candidate, Lemke, was not a factor in any state and polled less than 400,000 votes in the nation.

The national vote for Earl Browder had not been tabulated as the Western Worker went to press, but partial returns indicated his vote would be larger than that cast for Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate.

(See next issue for more complete returns, and additional information on the elections.)

### Largest Vote in History in New York City

NEW YORK—(Special)—The Communist Party polled the largest vote in history in New York City, complete returns showed, reaching over 66,000 for candidate Schwab for justice of the State Court of Appeals.

City-wide totals for all state candidates of the Communist Party exceeded 60,000, surpassing the Socialists' average by 6000. The Communist vote increased approximately 45 per cent over 1934, and more than doubled the 1932 balloting.

Earl Browder and James W. Ford polled 32,162 in the city, one-third more than double the 1932 balloting.

Running for governor of New York, Robert Minor received 27,074 votes in the city.

Possibility that the Communist Party may secure participation in the city government, was seen when the city proportional representation, carried.

## Spain Delegation To Speak In California

SAN FRANCISCO—Eye-witness accounts of the horrors of Fascist aggression in Spain, will be given by a Spanish government delegation here on Sunday, November 15th, 2 p. m., at Dreamland Auditorium. The delegation includes Marcelino Domingo, Father Luis Sarasola, and Senora Isabel de Palencia.

LOS ANGELES—The Spanish government delegation will speak here Sunday, November 22nd, at Jeffers Auditorium, 123 North Lake Street.

## EAST, GULF SOLIDARITY

### Over 214 Ships Now Tied Up There

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in Baltimore and Houston are reported as picketing in support of the East and Gulf seamen and the West Coast strikers.

Fifty-eight ships are tied up in New York; 20 in Baltimore; 22 in Philadelphia; 23 in Philadelphia; 16 in New Orleans; two in Newark; three in Providence; nine in Port Arthur; six in Galveston; 12 in Houston; with many other ships struck in Boston, Savannah, Charleston, Norfolk, Albany, Texas City and other ports. These figures grow from day to day.

A committee of nine headed by Joseph Curran head of the Seamen Defense Committee, is leading the strike.

In Charleston, S. C., 41 members of the American-Hawaiian "Missourian" crew struck. This is a West Coast ship.

The West Coast American-Hawaiian ship "Arizonan" was struck in Boston.

Over 500 men picketed the Houston waterfront. In New Orleans 100 pickets were arrested by police.

The Seamen Defense Committee reports 164 ships struck in Atlantic and Gulf Ports, including 58 ships and 7,000 men in New York alone, and Baltimore and Philadelphia closed tight. 6000 men are registered for picket duty in New York.

Philadelphia teamsters are supporting the strike, it is reported.

1700 voting members of seamen's unions met in New York Wednesday and voted unanimously for the coastwise conference Friday, to set up demands for the East and Gulf Coast seamen.

Strategy Committee

The East Coast strategy committee of nine is composed of: Deck—Joseph Curran, Albert Lannon, and Glenn More-Skogman. Engine room—Jack Lawerson, Francis Muldering and "Blacky" Keenan. From the stewards, Ferdinand Smith, Frank Jones and Charles McCarthy were chosen.

The East Coast seamen's support of the West Coast strike is best expressed in the following resolution unanimously adopted at one of their meetings:

WHEREAS: The Pacific Coast Maritime Unions are involved in a bitter struggle for the life of their unions and

WHEREAS: Our union brothers in all Atlantic and Gulf ports have already taken action in support of our West Coast brothers and

WHEREAS: At a mass meeting last night sponsored by the International officials of the International Seamen's Union of America, we unanimously voted to declare a general strike of all ships in support of the West

## SHIPOWNERS' LOBBIES BUSY IN WASHINGTON

### Want Ships Manned By Crews From U.S. Navy

WASHINGTON—Shipowners' representatives are infesting Washington, seeking to enlist the federal government for strikebreaking.

Strong pressure by these gentlemen has been put on the Maritime Commission in the past few days, urging federal intervention into the East, Gulf and West Coast strikes. Scores of telegrams from shipowners and their stooges accompany this.

Shipowners' Stoges

"Business men and civic bodies" is the way these shipowners' creations are described in the capitalist press.

Among measures sought by these interests is an attempt to get the President to declare a "national emergency," under which the Maritime Commission would be empowered to requisition the vessels and man them with government crews—such as members of the Naval Reserve.

The powerful shipowners' lobbies redoubled their activities after election day. Capt. W. J. Peterson, Washington representative of the Pacific-American Steamship Association, said he would demand Federal intervention.

Manning of ships by navy men is part of his plan.

## DEFEAT TO HEARST

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Contra Costa County, 95 for Browder to 68 for Thomas; in San Mateo County, 166 for Browder to 250 for Thomas; San Bernardino County, 104 for Browder; Orange County, 134 for Browder to 210 for Thomas; Riverside County, 39 for Browder. All returns are incomplete except for San Francisco.

In State Assembly and Congressional elections, resounding defeat for the Republican candidates was also recorded. The Landolites lost three Congressional seats to Democrats, and a Democratic majority will rule in the Assembly. All Epic incumbents in the Tuesday elections were re-elected. One Epic incumbent was defeated in the primaries.

Votes on state propositions showed a strong progressive trend and indicated the tremendous support that will be available for a California Farmer-Labor Party.

The proposition to repeal the income tax was heavily defeated, as were the phoney liquor control proposals. The proposal to turn over state-owned tidelands to Standard Oil was defeated, and the proposed oleomargarine tax was snuffed under.

Chain Store Tax

The chain store tax proposal carried in San Francisco, indicating the working people are anxious to tax the rich corporations, but lost out in all other counties. However, the "Yes" vote was very heavy, 909,672 and mistaken conceptions by many liberals and progressives as to operation of the bill were responsible for the proposal's defeat.

Coast Maritime Unions, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That we reaffirm our stand of last night and call on all ships' crews, that are now in port and those coming into port, to immediately declare a sit-down strike as the most effective means of supporting our West Coast brothers and at the same time preventing scabs from manning the ships, and be it further

RESOLVED: That, on those ships where the sitting crews are driven off by the police, we immediately establish picket lines and be it further

RESOLVED: That all ships crews immediately dispatch telegrams to President Roosevelt demanding that he immediately take steps to force the West Coast shipowners to grant the just demands of the West Coast Maritime Workers, and be it further

## Violations By Shipowners On Pedro Vessels

SAN PEDRO—Notwithstanding the fact that the Maritime Strike here has been conducted in the most peaceful manner possible, labor-hater Capt. "Red" Hyman, head of the harbor police army, on November 4 increased his force by an additional 200 men, bringing it up to 600.

Police have placed a fast radio equipped fifty-four-foot motor cruiser on twenty-four-hour patrol of the harbor.

Intensified activity of the police army and the news of its increase indicate to even conservative observers that this is but a preliminary step to guard scabs the shipowners may plan to bring into the harbor by the hundreds within a short time.

Three hundred and fifty men employed aboard the Panama-Pacific liner California and the crew of the Dollar liner President Wilson were paid off after company officials claimed the East Coast workers had violated an agreement that shipping crews recruited in the East would not participate in the Pacific Coast strike.

Violations By Shipowners

Unions, meanwhile, charged operators with violating manning provisions of the Seamen's Act in explaining their action in removing crews from the liners President Wilson and California.

Roy Farrell, business agent of the Firemen's Union, is reported to have made the following statement:

The President Wilson and the California show violations of the Seamen's Act with respect to special watches. On the President Wilson only half of the firemen were on watch as provided by law. On the California the able seamen were not equally divided as required by law."

## BANKERS BACK JEW-BAITING

LOS ANGELES—A predominant portion of Jew-baiting is instigated and financed by the big industrial and financial interests, charged Carey McWilliams, attorney and liberal writer, at a meeting of 1200 to 1500 persons to examine facts relative to the growth of anti-Semitism in the United States.

McWilliams exposed the Fascist, anti-Semitic tendencies of the Industrial Association, the Associated Farmers, the Naval Reserves, and the private civilian army of Police Chief "Peanut Hitler" Davis, which he said numbers approximately 9000.

Standard Oil Company is a large contributor to Fascist and military groups, he said.

Pointing to Riverside as the outstanding pro-Fascist stronghold in the state, McWilliams said city authorities had gone so far as to employ, at a salary of \$1800 a year, an investigator to spy on school children to see if they were reading Communist literature.

The attorney roundly denounced the radio addresses of Rev. Martin Luther Thomas, who, he said, is building up a large following, in the small towns in the agricultural districts by teaching local fakirs how to extract large sums from grower and shipper organizations for carrying out Jew-baiting and anti-labor policies under guise of an anti-Communist drive.

Gifford Cochran, son of a wealthy industrial family and now national secretary for the National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners,

RESOLVED: That in the event that the shipowners do not grant the demands of the West Coast Unions and thus terminate the strike and also in the event that the great majority of seamen on the Atlantic and Gulf seaboard respond to this solidarity strike call, that we empower the strike committee to call a conference where the question of East Coast demands will be taken up.

## LOS ANGELES UNIONS RESPOND TO LONGSHOREMEN'S UNION CALL FOR SUPPORT TO THE STRIKERS

### Donnelly of I.L.A. and Russell of the Sailors Union Explain Strike Issues to Delegates Of Non-Maritime Unions

LOS ANGELES—Responding to a call from the International Longshoremen's Association, delegates of 38 unions met at the Ladies' Garment Workers' Union hall here to hear Roy Donnelly, president of the San Pedro I.L.A. local, and Harry Russell, representative of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, explain the maritime strike issues.

## RETURNS FOR C.P. NOMINEES IN CALIFORNIA

Complete semi-official returns for Los Angeles: Browder, 5154; Cutler, 6352; Ashe, 1288; Leech, 2869; Ingham, 1051; Buyers, 492; Sherwood, 389; Ayres, 825; Echols, 358; Elstein, 872; Heltness, 381; Leckrone, 681; Freed, 2078; Beck, 691; Solomon, 498; Rosser, 397; Gainer, 577; Cooney, 931.

Thomas, Socialist, 4082; Glen Trimble, 736.

Browder polled 75 in Sonoma County. Healy, for Congress, 220.

### FOR CONGRESS

Northern California

1st District—Vernon D. Healy. (No returns yet.)

3rd District—Perry Hill, 505 out of 19,000 votes cast, partial returns.

4th District—Anita Whitney, 1666, complete returns.

5th District—Lawrence Ross, 4319, complete returns.

6th District—Lloyd Harris, 485, with 173 precincts out of 174.

9th District—Carl B. Patterson. (No returns yet.)

### FOR CONGRESS

Southern California

11th District—William Ingham, 409, with 256 precincts out of 533.

13th District—Emma Cutler, 5204, with 487 precincts out of 626.

14th District—Harold Ashe, 1183, with 438 precincts out of 481.

17th District—John Leech, 2481, with 315 precincts out of 418.

19th District—Charles McLaughlin, 1177 on partial returns.

20th District—Esco L. Richardson, 1000 estimated, on 75 per cent precincts reporting.

### FOR ASSEMBLY

Northern California

10th District—William J. Prater. (No returns yet.)

13th District—Joseph Studevant. (No returns yet.)

17th District—Leon Vannier. (No returns yet.)

18th District—Richard S. Ludlow. (No returns yet.)

20th District—Sam Jay, 1225, complete returns.

22nd District—Archie Brown, 2870, complete returns.

23rd District—Alex Noral, 859, complete returns.

26th District—Peter J. Garrison, 1194, complete returns.

### FOR ASSEMBLY

Southern California

42nd District—Elizabeth K. Burgess, 69, with 21 precincts out of 152.

43rd District—William E. Sherwood, 289, with 133 precincts out of 167.

46th District—James A. Ayres, 411, with 87 precincts out of 151.

47th District—Carl L. D. Echols, 173, with 78 precincts out of 136.

52nd District—Herbert S. Elstein, 658, with 43 precincts out of 219.

54th District—Albert A. Heltness, 328, with 111 precincts out of 131.

56th District—Clifford Leckrone, 556, with 172 precincts out of 200.

57th District—Emil Freed, 1292, with 98 precincts out of 200.

60th District—Lester W. Beck, 361, with 73 precincts out of 138.

61st District—Floyd E. Solomon, 277, with 96 precincts out of 160.

62nd District—Louis Rosser, 341, with 114 precincts out of 129.

67th District—Ray H. Garner, 306, with 82 precincts out of 154.

69th District—Thomas J. Cooney, 229, with 46 precincts out of 149.

## Celebrate USSR 19th Birthday

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lude in D Minor," by the famed Soviet composer, Shostakovich, a piano solo by Bernice Mintz; Booker T. Washington Dancers; a dramatic skit by the New Theater Group, dances by the Peters Wright Dance Group and by the Carol Beals Dance Group. Russian Songs by Gotney, and a skit by Mike Quin.

Los Angeles Celebration

A mass demonstration will be held in celebration in Los Angeles at the Plaza on Saturday, November 7th, 2 p. m.

On Sunday night, November 8th, 8 p. m., William Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party, will be the leading speaker on the achievements of Socialism in the U.S.S.R. at a mass meeting at the T.V.G. Hall, 936 West Washington Blvd.

Schneiderman was also scheduled to speak on Friday night at San Diego's celebration of November 7th.

In Oakland on November 7th, 8 p. m., a gala celebration will be held at Danish Hall, 164 11th St., with Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker, as guest speaker on "Nineteen Years of Socialism" and analyzing the 1936 elections. Following the formal meeting, a dance and entertainment will be held, with refreshments.

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## LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

The elections are over. But politics are not over. Working people in particular must recognize that politics have just started. For the next four years, the American people are going to have to battle tooth-and-nail against the Fascist plans of Wall Street, for Wall Street is not going out of politics.

The biggest and most reactionary forces in capitalism have always been active in politics 335 days a year—and 366 days in Leap Year—ever since they established themselves.

Labor will always be in politics until capitalist oppression is ended forever and Socialism is established in America.

**Hearst-Liberty League Gang . . .**

The Hearst-Liberty League gang that backed Alf Landon for the presidency are going to be very active when Congress begins its next session. Their representatives in California are going to have their snouts in Sacramento when the State Legislature opens the first of the year.

Unless the working people of California and the nation organize now to stop them, these political and economic gangsters are going to introduce bills in Congress and in the Legislature against labor and against the people in general. And they are going to fight against any progressive and pro-labor legislation that comes into these legislative bodies.

With their millions upon millions of dollars, the Hearst-Liberty League combine is going to try to halt any benefits for the broad masses of the American people.

### Fight for People's Bills . . .

In the next Legislature bills will be introduced on the main issues, affecting organized labor: against vigilantism, for the 30-hour week, for trade union wages on all public projects, against the Criminal Syndicalism Act, etc.

If these bills are to be passed and put into law, the maximum amount of organized pressure will have to be put on those assemblymen and state senators who are inclined to disregard the will of the people, even though the people put them into office.

The majority of the people's "representatives" in Congress and Legislature have their price, as the "big shots" of industry and finance know, and only mass pressure can make them think that it won't pay them to be paid off.

### Farmer-Labor Party Need . . .

The only really effective means to get labor bills passed, and pro-banker bills defeated, is for labor and other-pro-labor forces to organize independently on the political field in a Farmer-Labor Party.

This is the job that organized labor faces—to organize its own political party in California and in the nation, and to win to its side the Epics, the Townsends, the small farmers, the professionals, and all other enemies of Wall Street and friends of labor.

And the sooner this job is started, the sooner there'll be a Farmer-Labor Party, and the better off the majority of the people will be. The Hearsts, the du Ponts, the Morgans, the Rockefellers, the Fleischhackers, the Chandlers, etc.—they're the only ones whose feelings and pocket-books will be hurt.

### Hearst's Deal With Nazis . . .

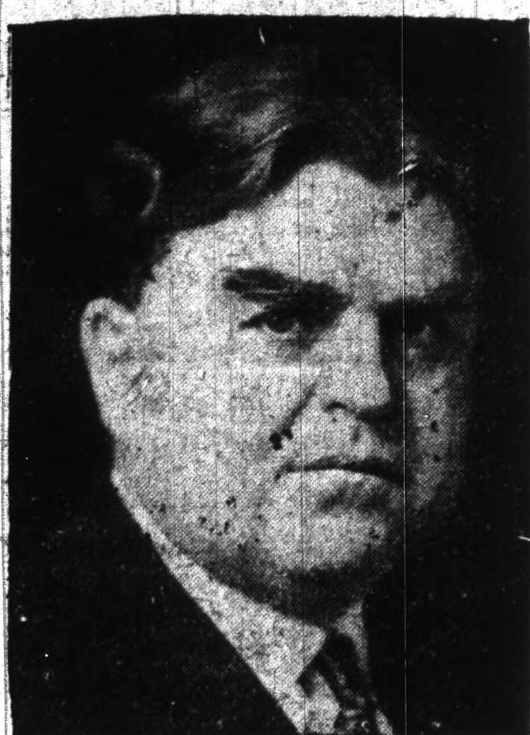
Speaking at a campaign rally in Berkeley last week, I was asked by a worker to prove my statement that Hearst is paid \$400,000 by the Hitler government to spread pro-Nazi propaganda in America, and to print the proof in this column, inasmuch as I didn't have it with me.

Here's the proof—look up the New York Times files and see a dispatch from Frederick T. Birchall, former Times managing editor and now its roving correspondent in Europe, printed on December 31st, 1934, and January 1st, 1935.

Birchall cabled that the German propaganda division had signed a contract to purchase Hearst's International news service at 1,000,000 marks (\$400,000) annually. The service goes direct to the Hitler government. Through the Wolff Bureau, which has a mutual exchange agreement with Associated Press, Hitler gets U.S. news without paying a cent. Inasmuch as A.P. news is much more complete and accurate, while Hearst's I.N.S. furnishes merely a few sensational plus filler material, it is obvious that Hitler is paying Hearst to spread pro-Nazi propaganda in the U.S.

For further proof, see any Hearst newspaper.

## LABOR PARTY



**BUILDING OF A LABOR PARTY** was recently endorsed by John L. Lewis (above), president of the United Mine Workers of America and head of the Committee for Industrial Organization, as an outstanding necessity for organized labor in the United States. Francis Gorman, vice-president of the United Textile Workers of America and C.I.O. leader, has also come out for a Labor Party, as have many other leaders of organized labor.

## STUDENTS NOT 'IRATE' BUT 'INTERESTED'

### Cops Broke Up Meet, Arrested Speakers In San Pedro

LOS ANGELES—Contrary to press reports here on Friday, October 30th, Edwin Alexander, national organizer of the American Student Union, was not pelted with rotten eggs and decayed vegetables by an "irate group" of high school boys, when he appeared at a San Pedro hall where he was to deliver an address on the aims of the Student Union.

What actually happened was that a squad of police, headed by Policeman Hache of the "Red Squad," prevented the meeting from being held, by arresting Alexander and Assemblyman Fred Reaves.

A progressive group of youth had a week ago rented the Odd Fellows' Hall, but officials denied its use when pressure was brought on them by reactionary forces.

**Cops Flout Constitution**

The young people then secured the American Legion Hall, only to find that its doors were blocked by police at the hour the meeting was called.

During the week, Principal Goodwin of the San Pedro High School had warned students to stay away from the meeting on the grounds that he had heard a rumor to the effect that 500 youths had been recruited to break up the meeting.

**Students Were Interested**

When Alexander and other speakers were restrained from entering the hall, a body of about 100 high school students clustered around them and asked for information concerning the meeting.

And when the aims of the American Student Union were sketched to them, they expressed a desire for more information.

At this point one of the boys at the fringe of the crowd, no doubt inspired by the police effort to precipitate a row, threw an egg, which act was immediately seized upon by Hache to make the arrest.

Alexander was taken to the police station but was released at once when no charges were made.

## Scab Agencies Get Set In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—In spite of a sign on the door which states that no strikebreakers are being hired, the Industrial Protection Agency, room 300, Wilcox building, here is steadily interviewing applicants to serve as "guards" for scabs.

Due to the utmost secrecy with which the hiring is conducted, it could not be learned if these so-called guards are being sent to the San Pedro waterfront. But on the morning the maritime strike broke, scores of thugs, types were to be seen hanging around the front of the building and at least twenty of them were lounging around an inner office "waiting for a call."

Applicants are required to be fingerprinted and give complete data on their affairs, together with such information as to whether they are familiar with the use of fire arms, if they have ever served as policemen, guards or investigators, and if they possess arms or autos.

## An Important Message

### TO THOSE WHO VOTED COMMUNIST:

On November 3rd, you went to the ballot box and voted for the Communist Party candidate for President and Vice-President, and for Congress and State Legislature, because you were satisfied that the Communist program for the elections was the only positive and satisfactory program offered you—a program of militant struggle for the people's needs and against the pro-Fascist program of the Hearst-Liberty League group behind Alf Landon.

You saw the need for unity of all labor and pro-labor groups to fight off Wall Street reaction, and you saw that the Communist Party was the only political party to fight for such unity through a mighty People's Front, a Farmer-Labor Party.

Now that the elections are over, you see that the next step in the struggle against this reaction is actively to build the Farmer-Labor Party in California and in the nation.

And now you must see that your place in the battle front against reaction and for building a Farmer-Labor Party, is as a member of the Communist Party. Whether you are a member of a trade union, an Epic Club, a Townsend Club, a housewife, a young worker, an unemployed worker, you can best further the cause of unity against Wall Street's Fascist program as a member of the Communist Party. As a member of the Communist Party, you can lay the necessary basis toward the day when it will be necessary for the people of America to move forward to Socialism, to complete freedom, prosperity and happiness.

Join the Communist Party today, and fight for the principles you voted for! Fill out the following blank and mail it without delay:

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Communist Party,  
121 Haight Street,  
San Francisco.

OR  
Communist Party,  
224 S. Spring St., No. 409,  
Los Angeles.

I want to join the Communist Party (mark "X")

I want more information about the Communist Party

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

## Rogue's Gallery Backs Fascist Publication

LOS ANGELES.—A real rogue's gallery could be made of the backers of the so-called "Constitutional Defender," official organ of the "Constitution Society of America," carrying on anti-labor and pro-Fascist propaganda here.

The gallery would include Harry Chandler, anti-labor publisher of the L.A. Times; Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Stanford University president; Dr. Ernest C. Moore, ex-head of the University of California at Los Angeles; ex-President Herbert Hoover; Federal Judge Benjamin F. Bledsoe; Archbishop John J. Cantwell; Mayor Frank L. Shaw; Chief Deputy City Attorney Walter A. Dodd of San Francisco; Municipal Judge Oda Faulkner; Gertrude Rounsaville, chairman of the L.A. Board of Education.

These are the rogues supporting this Fascist paper and its policies. "The 'Constitutional Defender' urges that Earl Browder, Communist presidential candidate, be deported and claims the sole aim of the Communist Party is a 'ghastly world war.'"

The paper is published by Robert Dyer Hobday, for "capitalism and the profit system."

## McShann Tells of Murders In Jail

LOS ANGELES.—"I have seen murders committed," declared James McShann, Negro political prisoner, just released from serving two years in Lincoln Heights Jail, before 300 persons at a banquet held here November 1st honoring his homecoming.

"Strong healthy men walked into Lincoln Heights Jail and in a few months were carried out; not once but many times," said McShann.

"It would be hard to believe that in this jail men were forced to live on mouldy bread and stale water for weeks at a time, which resulted in the stomach being tied into knots."

"If it had not been for the prison relief of the International Labor Defense, I would not have survived."

McShann was sentenced in 1934 on an "inciting to riot" frame-up after his arrest for leading a grievance committee of the unemployed demanding cash relief instead of "garbage basket" aid. Police brutally beat him resulting in a probable life-long injury to his back.

## Inglewood Paper Would Like Nazi Terror In U.S.

INGLEWOOD.—Suggesting that the Nazi method of ridding the country of the "Reds" might not be amiss in America, the Inglewood Daily News has again raised the question of "Americanism" and "relief" in connection with James Ayres, Communist candidate for Assembly, 46th District, and his wife, Martha Oathout Ayres, famous sculptress, listed in the "Who's Who" for 1936.

The Daily News, saying the Ayres family has been on relief for the past few months, recommended that before any person should be eligible for relief, he should be required to take an oath that he does not belong to the Communist Party. It proposed a Fascist "purge" of America, a la Hitler.

**We Are the Americans**

Mrs. Ayres suggested that the Daily News editorial staff might do well to read "Who Are the Americans," by Earl Browder, and learn that the Communists are the only ones living up to our revolution traditions of 1776.

"My ancestors came over to America in 1640 and fought in all our wars," said Mrs. Ayres. "One of them was President of the United States. So it really amuses me to be called 'un-American.'"

Her husband also traces his ancestry back more than 100 years in U.S. history.

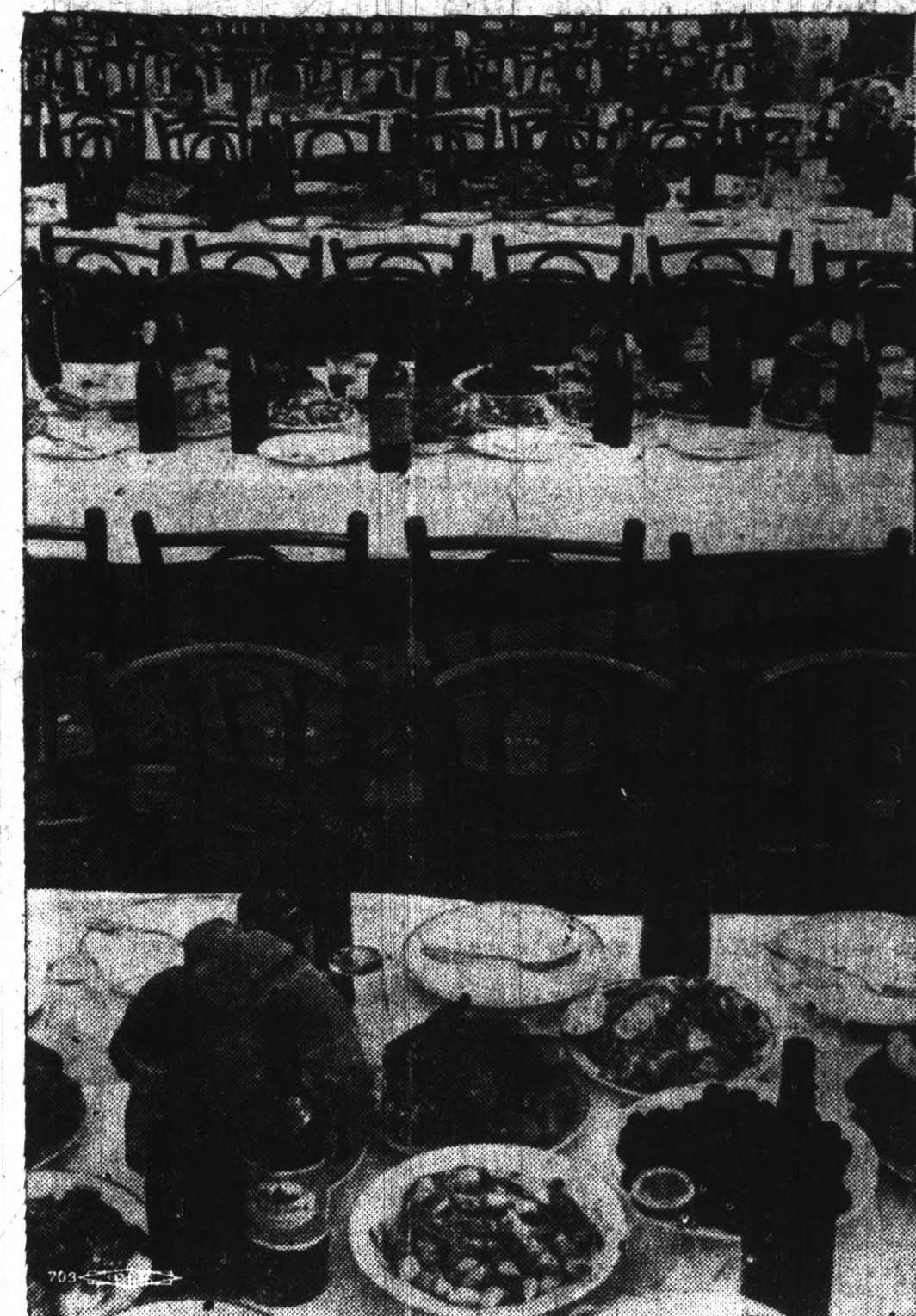
## U.S. JUDGE AIDS VIGILANTES

LOS ANGELES.—Federal Judge McCormick refused to take the side of law and order against lawless vigilantism here last week, when he refused an injunction restraining police officials of Imperial County, 15 known vigilantes and 50 "John Doe" vigilantes from interfering with a radio broadcast to be given by Esco L. Richardson, Communist candidate for Congress, 20th District, in El Centro.

Court objection was: "But you haven't set the time and place you expect to be meeting with interference."

"If it is evidence you want," declared Leo Gallagher, attorney for the Communist Party, "there was plenty of that in this court last week Friday when we put several witnesses on the stand to testify to the acts of vigilantism that have occurred in Imperial Valley."

## THE SOVIET WORKERS LIVE WELL



WITH TABLES like this waiting for them, 800 guests did not lack for good cheer at the wedding feast of Gregory Velichko, Soviet Union collective farm brigade leader. They were married at the First of May collective farm in the North Caucasus. Food has become plentiful for the Soviet workers and farmers. On November 7, Soviet people celebrated the 19th anniversary of November 7th, 1917 revolution.

## S. F. AGAIN IS LEADING DRIVE FOR MEMBERS

115 Recruited During One Week to C.P. In California

With Saturday, November 7th, the first lap in the Browder-Ford Membership Drive to double the membership of the Communist Party by January 21, 1937, San Francisco took the lead back from Los Angeles in the week ending October 30th.

The previous week Los Angeles caught up with San Francisco and tied at 136 new members each. But the tie didn't last long, San Francisco again being out in front with a total of 203 new members.

The Communist Party recruited 115 one week throughout the state.

### Don't Be a Lagger

East Bay came in with 20 recruits and promises more soon. Some of the "laggers" are still lagging, including San Diego, Contra Costa, Fort Bragg, San Mateo and Santa Clara.

The new State Recruiting Bulletin is just off the press, chock-full of good material, and should be read by every member. Get a copy from your unit or section.

All comrades are asked to send in comments and tell of their results in the recruiting drive.

### How Do You Stand?

	Pledged	Recruited %
San Francisco	264	203 76.8
Los Angeles	208	185 88.9
East Bay	122	65 53.2
Bakersfield	20	20
Monterey	0	13
Merced	0	12
San Diego	0	7
San Bernardino	20	7 35.0
Contra Costa	0	6
Sacramento	12	6 50.0
San Mateo	0	4
Santa Clara	0	5
Eureka	0	4
Sonoma	5	3 60.0
Santa Barbara	0	3
Fort Bragg	24	1 4.1
Stockton	0	1
Fresno	0	0
Tulare	0	0
Nevada	5	0
Arizona	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>4545 82.2</b>

## No Meeting, So Fr. Coughlin Wants His Cash Back

LOS ANGELES.—Father Charles E. Coughlin changed his mind about speaking here at the Coliseum on October 25th, when his stooges in California could stir up no mass enthusiasm for his Fascist program, and now he wants his money back.

In a letter to Ralph O. Chick, manager of the Coliseum, Paul F. Frattessa, state head of Coughlin's National Union for Social Justice, requested cancellation of the contract and the return of the \$500 deposit necessary to rent the stadium.

## PRESENT S. P. TACTICS AID TO REACTION

C. P. Candidate Exposes False Position

LOS ANGELES.—Present tactics of the Socialist Party cannot but aid the reactionary forces, charged Harold Ashe, Communist candidate for Congress, 14th District, at an election symposium sponsored by the Workers' Alliance on November 1st.

"Unless you realize that unity of all progressive forces is necessary before Socialism can be attained," said Ashe, "then you will never realize Socialism."

Glen Trimble, Socialist candidate, rejected Ashe's appeal for unity between Socialists and Communists on vital issues, claiming that "foundation for unity must be on fundamentals of principles."

Trimble declared issues involved in the People's Fronts of France and Spain are Capitalism vs. Socialism, and asserted France is "following the road that leads to Fascism" and implied that the Spanish Fascists were already victorious.

**Ashe Exposes False Remarks**

Ashe exposed these false remarks, showing that the French and Spanish people were engaged solely in defending their democratic rights against Fascism.

Trimble showed the corrupting influence of Trotskyites within the Socialist Party when he scoffed at attempts of the Communist Party to enlist the middle class in the struggle against Fascism. Trimble indicated he would prefer to see them lined up in the Fascist ranks.

The Socialist put himself in the ridiculous position of accusing the Communist Party of class collaboration for fighting for immediate needs of the workers, and "abandoning the fight for Socialism" by so doing.

### Toward Socialism

Ashe patiently explained to him that, far from abandoning the fight for Socialism, the Communist Party leads the struggle for immediate needs in order to strengthen the workers against Fascism and in order to prepare them for the time when it will be necessary for the American people to move forward to Socialism.

Arthur Johnson, Progressive Party candidate, also spoke advocating the Townsend Plan and Father Coughlin's program. He attempted to deny the Fascist program of Father Coughlin.

John Pelletier, Epic incumbent candidate in the 44th Assembly District, gave Roosevelt's re-election as a cure-all and claimed the federal theater projects to be a forerunner of Socialism.

## How Cal. Would Be Under Socialism

By N. D.

There is one particular section of the Soviet Union which in climate, scenery and products is a twin of California.

The writer was lucky enough to have been able to spend one solid month's vacation, with all expenses paid by his trade union, in one of the beautiful rest homes for workers, on the Black Sea Coast of the Soviet Caucasus.

An American in the Caucasus couldn't but help thinking, constantly, how California would really come into its own under a Socialist America.

A glimpse at America under Socialism can be found in Earl Browder's book, "What is Communism?"

But now, as the workers and farmers of the Soviet Union celebrate the 19th birthday of their Socialist republic, their freedom from the chains of the capitalist system of exploitation, it would be timely to give ourselves a glimpse at California under Socialism.

The workers and farmers own and operate, under the management of workers of hand and brain, all the banks, railroads, water and air transport, mines, and all the major industries.

In California that would mean an end to slavery, miserable wages, and vigilante terror in the agricultural industry, for one thing.

In agriculture, big multi-million dollar interests, possessing seemingly endless acres of ranch land, relying for their huge profits on wages of 20 cents an hour and below, wretched housing conditions, poor vigilante and police terror, would become a thing of the past.

Management of the big ranch lands and canneries would be in the hands of the government, which being a workers' and farmers' government, would manage, not for the profits of a few, but for the interests of all.

The very agricultural workers who are now the victims of vigilante and police terror when they organize and fight for a little better degree of happiness, would become managers and leading personnel in the big ranches and canneries. There would be schools to train them in this.

**Agricultural Products for All**

There would never again be such a spectacle as was seen in the years after the crisis began, of hundreds of thousands of tons of oranges and other fruits being dumped into the sea, or left to rot.

The abundant and healthful fruits and vegetables grown in California would be available to all.

**Use of police and vigilantes against workers would be a loathsome memory.**

Wages in the agricultural industry would be wages to insure not only a comfortable living, which they are far from doing at present, but sufficient to make life enjoyable through enabling the workers to afford the fullest amount of entertainment and cultural life.

**Gone would be the shacks and hovels and tents which so many scores of thousands of agricultural workers now call home. Housing for the agricultural workers would be the most modern; in addition, to the agricultural villages would be brought all the cultural and entertainment attractions of city: theatres, up to date schools, radio stations, libraries, etc.**

Oil is another of California's vital industries.

**The Oil Industry**

Capitalism is making a shambles of the oil-producing regions. In its greed for profits and more profits, it drains the fields, carelessly and wastefully, with no heed for future generations.

Planned production in the oil industry would conserve this and other natural resources carefully, under a Socialist America. The profit motive would be gone, and the good of all would be the sole motive in operating all industries.

There would be no more Modesto frameups by Standard Oil, no need to place Shell Oil on the unfair list. There wouldn't be any Standard Oil or Shell Oil. The men who work for Shell and Standard and the rest of the oil corporations own and operate, through the workers and farmers government, the oil and all other industries.

As in agriculture and all other industries, wages in the oil industry would insure California's oil workers a comfortable living and the opportunity to enjoy life as it should be enjoyed.

The maritime industry is another of California's major industries. The maritime workers fight for the hiring hall as a basic demand—which means security of jobs for them, which means the very life of their unions.

In a Soviet America the problem of economic security would be solved, as it has been solved in the Soviet Union. Unemployment is a thing of the past in the Soviet Union, as it would be in a Soviet America, where industry and agriculture would not be run for the profit of a few, would be planned where there would be no over-production and other features of the chaotic inefficiency of capitalism, to cause unemployment.

There would be a government of any by the maritime workers, along with all other workers and the farmers government. The workers, through that government, would manage the maritime along with all industries.

On shipboard there would be, not two 12-hour watches, not three eight-hour watches, but four six-hour watches.

Living quarters on Soviet Russian merchant ships have been the envy of all American seamen; on American ships they would even exceed those on Soviet ships, for the technique to make this possible will be immediately available in this highly technically developed country.

As in every Soviet factory there are factory committees and trade union committees, which take part in the management of industries, there will be a similar set-up in American factories; and on American ships and docks, ship and dock committees and ship and dock trade union committees would take an important part in managing industry.

Seamen, under capitalism, have been given a mere or less out-caste status. In a Socialist America the seaman would walk proudly, with all other workers, respected by all, as he has a right to be now.

We have our peanut-Hitlers, like Chef Davis of Los Angeles, declaring what the capitalist press sneeringly calls "bum blockades"—to keep unemployed out of California.

Since there would be no unemployed under Socialism, and all available man power would be put to work immediately, there would be no "blockades" against the unemployed.

Far from being kept out of California, workers of hand and brain, and farmers, would be sent from all over the country, to spend vacations in the beautiful beaches and mountain regions of California, in beautiful rest homes, which would be set up for and by the workers and farmers. Every inch of beach land would be for the use of all the people, not, as in so many cases, for a restricted few.

California's coast and mountains would be made splendid vacation lands for the workers. The poor farmers of California would be guaranteed full use of their lands; landless farmers would receive land, leading to a collectivized system which, through pooling their labor, would enable them to produce the best their land is capable of giving. The farmers would be enabled to avail themselves of the most modern agricultural machinery. Farm work would not be a drudgery, but a pleasure.

Banks would not hold clubs over farmers' heads in the shape of mortgages, for banks would be owned by the government—the workers and farmers government, and their task will be to help develop agriculture, not to milk it for all it is worth, as banks now do under capitalism.

These are but a few aspects of a Socialist America, as they would apply to the people of California.

## Convicted Judge Gets Pay In Jail

LOS ANGELES.—Convicted of conspiracy to obstruct justice in the infamous Italo-Pete case, Gavin W. Craig, California Appellate Court justice, last week received a verdict from the State Supreme Court which ruled that he was entitled to draw his \$10,000 annual salary while he sits out his one-year Federal sentence in Ventura County Jail.

Not only this, but criminal Craig may even write legal opinions in his cell and he will carry his judicial title into his cell, also, and be addressed as Justice Craig by prisoners and jail or alike.

Craig has back salary for 18 months due him, under the decision. He is scheduled to start serving his jail sentence on November 12th.



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### Celebrate November 7th— Join the Communist Party!

NOVEMBER 7th is a day of celebration for the American working class. The Western Worker urges all readers and their friends to turn out to the celebration rallies to celebrate:

THE NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LASTING VICTORY OF THE RUSSIAN WORKERS OVER THE FORCES OF REACTION, FOR SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION WHICH HAS BROUGHT SECURITY FOR THEM AND HAS INSPIRED THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN THE REST OF THE WORLD—

THE REBUKE TO HEARST AND LONDON DELIVERED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AT THE POLLS LAST TUESDAY AND THE SIGNIFICANT COMMUNIST VOTE WHICH REFLECTS THE GROWING SENTIMENT AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR A FARMER-LABOR PARTY, WHICH ALONE CAN DEFEAT FASCISM.

CELEBRATE NOVEMBER 7TH AND VOICE YOUR DETERMINATION—

THAT THE SHIP OWNERS AND THEIR AGENTS SHALL NEVER SMASH THE SPLENDID MARITIME UNIONS AND DEPRIVE THE WATERFRONT WORKERS OF A DECENT, AMERICAN STANDARD OF LIVING—

THAT VIGILANTISM SHALL BE STAMPED OUT OF CALIFORNIA BY THE ORGANIZED LABOR MOVEMENT WORKING WITH OTHER PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZATIONS—

THAT THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA WILL UNITE IN INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION TO DEFEAT, DEFEND THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE AGAINST THE TORY ATTACKS OF THE FLEISHHACKERS, CROCKERS, CHANDLERS AND GIANNINI!

CELEBRATE NOVEMBER 7TH AND MAKE THAT CELEBRATION THE TURNING POINT OF YOUR LIFE—BY JOINING THE COMMUNIST PARTY!

### Hearst Gets His Face Slapped

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST has had his face slapped by the collective hand of the American people. The defeat of Landon and Knox, in the words of Earl Browder, is "a defeat for the worst reactionaries, but not a decisive victory for the progressives."

The re-election of President Roosevelt is accompanied by a unique and significant development: the existence and maintenance of "Labor's Non-Partisan League" as an independent political weapon of trade unionists, to exert pressure on President Roosevelt to live up to some of the progressive planks of his platform and to try to check his surrenders to the reactionaries.

This was the avowed purpose enunciated by leaders of the C.I.O. unions at the first convention of the Labor's Non-Partisan Leagues, held several weeks ago. This, and the announcement that a definite realignment of forces would develop nationally.

Already this realignment has partly taken place in New York, with the formation of the American Labor Party. The trade union committee headed by Gorman is energetically pushing the formation of local and state labor parties throughout the country. These labor leaders realize that if reaction and Fascism are to be defeated, reliance cannot be placed on either of the two major political parties, but an independent party of the working class must be built.

The defeat of the reactionary Hearst-Liberty League ticket must not lead to a lessening of the struggle to build the Farmer-Labor Party. The people must not be lulled to sleep by the rebuke to reaction delivered at the polls Tuesday—but must redouble their efforts to unite the trade unions and other progressive organizations into an independent party of labor which alone can defeat Fascism and safeguard the liberties and standard of living of the masses.

Although the returns are not all in yet, it

can be seen already that the Communist vote this year is significantly greater than the 1932 vote, with a corresponding decrease in the vote of the Socialist Party. This reflects both the unrealistic approach made by the Socialist Party to the issues of the election campaign, and the correct Communist analysis of the main issue: democracy versus Fascism. This reflects, too, the growing sentiment for a Farmer-Labor Party, the building of which was the chief aim of the Communist campaign.

### Stop Fascist Blockade of Spain's Ports!

THE ARROGANCE of the Fascist countries knows no bounds.

Germany and Italy both brazenly violated the non-intervention pact; they supplied arms, munitions, planes, tanks and troops to the Fascist hordes of General Franco.

Now, exposed by the Soviet Union, Hitler and Mussolini have the gall to send fleets of warships to the Mediterranean and threaten to block the entry of Soviet ships carrying medical supplies and clothing for the Spanish defenders of democracy!

This Fascist arrogance must be stopped. Action by trade unions and other liberty-loving, anti-Fascist organizations throughout the world will strike a decisive blow in favor of democracy, for the defeat of the murderous hordes of General Franco!

American working class organizations should pass resolutions addressed to the German and Italian embassies, demanding the withdrawal of their ships from Spain's Mediterranean ports!

Resolutions should be passed and addressed to President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull, demanding that this government resume normal, friendly relations with the legally constituted democratic Spanish government!

Immediate and decisive action is needed to safeguard democracy in Spain, to prevent the spread of Franco's barbarian armies, to check the advance of Fascism throughout the world!

### Un-American League Calls For Vigilante Action

THE American League Against Communism, a Tory organization in San Francisco which sends out periodical bulletins attacking the Communist Party, bulletins which are concocted out of slander, misinterpretations and outright lies, is taking the lead in whipping up a red scare in connection with the maritime strike.

In a bulletin just issued, they call for the formation of a "citizens' advisory committee" to function "in connection with both the long term program against all enemies of this country and also in the strike emergency."

In another Bulletin this anti-American league calls for the formation of a "united front" to drive men like Harry Bridges "and their allies from every activity in American life."

This frenzied call for vigilante action against the Communists and militant leaders of the maritime unions fits in nicely with the recent declaration by Mayor Rossi that "a state of emergency" exists in San Francisco. The connection between the two would not be hard to find. The league Bulletin and the Mayor's decree both serve the same interests—that of the shipowners.

Who furnishes this "League of the Tories of 1936" the large amount of money necessary to flood the city with un-American, anti-Communist, anti-working class propaganda every week? These bulletins do not ask for funds from its readers. Obviously, funds are obtained from those whose interests it serves—the shipowners, Industrial Association, the Hearst press!

The "American League Against Communism" should be widely exposed for what it is—an instrument of the shipowners and other anti-labor open shop instruments with which they try to incite violence against the organized labor movement.

## THE BULWARK OF PEACE READY FOR DEFENSE OF WORKERS - FARMERS GOVT.



## A Talk With a Negro Sympathizer - A Reply

"John Madison" is a self-educated Negro worker of fifty. Class-conscious, honest. He worked as a field hand in his youth, went to France when the war started, and later wrote a book on his experiences as a black soldier which no publisher has so far accepted. Madison is at present interested in our party and has been reading a great deal of our literature. The following is a brief report of a conversation he and I had the other day.

"Then you agree, John, that the Communist Party is the only friend and champion of the Negro people have?" I said to him.

"Yes, but I am far from satisfied with the stand your party has taken on the Negro question."

"On what grounds do you base your criticism, John?" I asked.

"On my knowledge of the Negro people and what they sincerely desire of their white comrades. I have read your plan on self-determination for the Negro and the establishment of an autonomous state for the Negro people should they desire one. The Negro problem in America is unlike any other situation in the world. The various autonomous states in the Soviet Union are composed of peoples fiercely proud of their customs, traditions, history and language. The American Negro has no culture, traditions, customs and religion other than that of all the people of this country. Ever since the first slave has been imported, the American Negro has been taught to worship the American God, to love his country, to subscribe to all the American ideals. He feels bound and one with the American people. The Negro in the depths of his heart does not want autonomy, he wants to be accepted by his fellow workers as one of them. It is the secret hope of every Negro to be white. His ideal is the white American worker."

"Such being the case, the suggestion of self-determination, of a Negro autonomy in this country to the Negro bears the implication of vestiges of discrimination. Why should there be any reason for self-determination on his part any more than for his fellow white worker? The Negro is suspicious of the idea of an autonomous state for his people. That too still smells of segregation to him."

"It is for this reason that the Negro masses are still holding back from your party. Until the time comes when the words Negro or black worker, or even the finer gradation of color differentiation implied in the word 'colored', are struck out of the vocabulary and thoughts of white workers, the Communist Party will not have the mass support fully hearted and complete, of the Negro workers of this country. Until that time comes class distinction in this country will not be abolished even under the dictatorship of the proletariat."

(Report submitted by J. Morgan, Unit A-6 of downtown section.)

people are surely not able to develop their culture to the extent they would be able to do if they were a free people. Traditions, too, the Negroes have.

"The Negroes are not proud of being 'Negroes,' says John Madison, as are 'other suppressed minority nations.' Supposing this is true; is it not because of the insults, knocks, suppression, leveled against them by the white ruling class?"

American imperialism has done all in its power to get the Negro people to consider themselves "Americans," but undesirable "Americans," "American" underdogs. It is certainly a fact, however, that if the Negro people do not consider themselves a nation, it is simply as a result of having been oppressed for such a long time, having been knocked around so many times that they can feel only either desperation and fear of the white ruling class (a part of the Negro people feel that way), or a rise of fighting spirit (which is taking place among great sections of the Negro population) against white imperialist suppression.

The Negro people are a nation, having all the characteristics of a nation, and are suppressed by the white ruling class not primarily because of the color of their skin (although this too is used by the white ruling class), but mainly because of being an oppressed nation, forced to slave for the plantations in the South (being robbed of the soil they till and toil on); forced to work under wretched conditions, lowest wages, segregation, discrimination, in the North.

Self-determination for the Negroes in the Black Belt would not be segregated. The Negroes would not be forced to live in the Black Belt only. On the contrary they could go as free people wherever they wanted, and live wherever they chose. But in the Black Belt, where the Negro population is in the majority, the Negro people would have the right to rule themselves

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## AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,  
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### The Soviet Peace Policy

ON NOVEMBER 7th, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics begins its 20th year. This anniversary is an occasion for reviewing the many achievements accomplished under working-class rule and the leadership of the Communist Party. Not the least of these achievements, world-wide in importance, is the foreign policy of the Soviet Government, directed toward the maintenance of peace throughout the whole world as well as the protection of its own borders from invasion.

One of the first acts of the Soviet Republic in November, 1917, when the working-class under Bolshevik leadership took power, was to demand an ending of the great war, on the basis of no annexations or reparations, no unequal treaties, and observing the rights and independence of all peoples. It proceeded to publish the secret treaties of the capitalist powers with Czarist Russia that were forerunners to the World War, and immediately sued for peace. That was the beginning of a new type of foreign policy.

The most striking example of the peaceful purpose of the Soviet foreign policy, can be seen in a significant phrase from the new Soviet constitution, which DOES NOT GIVE ANY ORGAN OF THE STATE THE RIGHT TO DECLARE WAR, and only makes provision for the Presidium of the Supreme Council of the U. S. S. R. to "proclaim a state of war in the event of armed attack on the U. S. S. R." (Article 49.) This is of especial importance at a time when Fascist aggressors on every hand are following an adventurist war policy which threatens to involve all Europe and the whole world. It also answers most effectively the charges about "Red imperialism," or that the Red Army is a threat of war.

Because the policy of Fascist powers threatened not only the Soviet Union, but also democratic countries like France, Great Britain, and Czechoslovakia in Europe, Soviet policy turned all its efforts toward lining up all the powers that were anxious to maintain peace, for the principle of collective security against an aggressor nation, as the most powerful weapon to prevent Hitler or Mussolini from making war. As long as the Fascists feel they can get away with an attack on a single nation with impunity, just so long will they continue their attacks on weak and defenseless countries. The only thing that could prevent or postpone it would be the adoption of the plan offered by the Soviet Foreign Commissar, Maxim Litvinov, for collective security and effective sanctions against an aggressor. This is the objective of the Franco-Soviet Mutual Assistance Pact, and the similar pact between the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia. These pacts are not military alliances of one bloc of powers against another, such as the pre-1914 blocs, or the present bloc of Germany, Italy, and Japan. The Soviet Union has emphasized that these pacts are open to all powers, including Germany; since it provides for mutual assistance of all signatory powers against any nation that attacks one of the signers of the pact, the only reason that Hitler can refuse to sign is because he wants war, not peace.

France was forced to sign the pact, not only because its government feared an attack by Fascist Germany, but because the masses in France, wanting peace, desired a firm alliance with the Soviet Union as the greatest force for peace and against Fascism. But there are Fascist forces in France that oppose this policy and working with Hitler to break up the Franco-Soviet pact. The weak-kneed policy of the French government, including the present Blum government, has helped the foes of the Franco-Soviet pact.

In Britain also, while the masses want peace and collaboration with the Soviet Union against the Fascist powers, the Tory government has followed a policy which has helped Hitler and Mussolini and which if continued will turn the war-dogs loose in Europe.

It is the fact that the French and British governments gave mainly lip-service to the principle of collective security, that it was possible for Mussolini to carry out his arrogant policy of conquering Ethiopia, without fear of results. The Soviet Union alone could not stop it, without bringing about war; the League of Nations could have stopped the conquest, through effective sanctions against Italy, had not France and Great Britain sabotaged the Soviet Union's efforts. To this day, the only voice that was raised against this conquest, and for Ethiopia's independence, was Litvinov's. The isolationist, hands-off policy of the United States played into the hands of Mussolini, as did Roosevelt's "neutrality" policy which in practice placed an embargo on Ethiopia but did not prevent Italy from getting war materials in America. The failure of the League of Nations to prevent the conquest of Ethiopia has tremendously endangered the cause of peace, as it has made more confident the Fascists who have designs on other nations.

### The Soviet Union and Spain

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the Fascist uprising in Spain was inspired, organized, and financed in Berlin, Rome, and Lisbon. After Ethiopia and Manchuria, the Fascists are becoming more and more brazen in their open drive for war and conquest. The Spanish Fascists could not have lasted a month, if it were not for money, planes, artillery, tanks, and trained personnel furnished by Hitler and Mussolini, and sent mainly through Portugal. When France proposed a non-intervention pact with regard to Spain, the Soviet Union agreed to it on condition that the three Fascist powers sign it and be bound by it, in order to cut off the Spanish Fascists from its source of supplies. But soon after nine powers signed the pact, it became obvious that while the other powers were living up to it, Germany, Italy, and Portugal were openly violating it. This amounted to a virtual boycott and blockade of the legal Spanish government, contrary to all international law, while the Spanish Fascists were gaining the upper hand through plentiful war supplies of every kind.

The French and British Communist Parties carried on a powerful mass campaign for "Arms to Spain," but the British and French governments refused to budge. The Socialist Premier Blum maintained an ostrich-like policy, while it was clear to the French masses that Fascism was threatening their southern doorstep due to the failure of France to exercise its right to furnish supplies to the Spanish government. While Blum was doing this in the name of peace, war is being brought that much closer in Europe by the danger of a Fascist victory.

When it became clear that Blum would not act, the Soviet government did. Although the Soviet masses had raised millions of dollars to send money and food and medicine to the Spanish People's Front, the Soviet government had scrupulously observed the non-intervention pact. But when the pact became a joke (although a serious one), because the Fascist powers did not pay the slightest attention to it, the Soviet government openly charged them with its violation, and declared that it could not consider itself bound by the non-intervention pact. To this day, France and Britain have adopted a policy which is only helping the Fascists, to the great indignation of the aroused French and British people. But the stand of the Soviet Union has clearly placed the issues before the world. Its peace policy is still the most powerful bulwark for peace and against Fascism.



## Women on the March

BY MARY GARFIELD

**PULL IN YOUR BELTS, throw out your chests, we're marching.** We're in search of the truth. We're proud of the company we're in, too. We've got an army of Roman Catholic women in our ranks, who are asking the same questions that we are asking and want answered.

What is it, we want to know? Why is it we are all aroused? It's because we are all friends, very close to each other, and we don't want any trouble between us.

We want to know why, directly after the 'Feast of Christ the King,' where a great prayer for peace was offered, the Monitor, official organ of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, tries on its front page to set man against man and start a fight.

By the strength and authority of its voice it helps Fascism which is rearing its head so plainly in this country today!

It says: "It seems to us that a broadcasting station should not allow any speech to be broadcast, that it is not willing to release to the press."

It further says, that they phoned KGO and were told that it would be impossible to get a copy of the speech without the permission of the Communist Party. Of course this is not what they were told. They were in all probability told to apply to the Communist Party for a copy.

It is quite obvious that they were not overly anxious to have the exact text of the broadcast before them, or they would have sent in a written request to Communist headquarters.

The Communist Party is a working class party, and knows not pomp nor ceremony. We have neither switchboard girl nor switchboard. A telephone message might go astray, but a written request for a copy of the broadcast would be received with joy.

We would have rejoiced at the knowledge that one more soul that had walked in darkness had seen the light.

The particular broadcast that has come in for such a vicious attack was given by a man whom the Church, if it were consulted, would call a "Christian Gentleman," for he neither drinks, swears nor smokes, and treats women with courtesy and respect. He also speaks the truth!

We laugh through our tears at the suggestion that we are unwilling to release copy to the press.

**NOW THAT WE KNOW** that you of the Monitor have a copy of the broadcast in your hands, may we ask you to publish it in your paper?

Taking you at your printed word, we shall see from now on that you always get a copy of our press release, for we have added you to our list.

You shall always have a copy of our broadcasts, too. It will be our pleasure to see to it being printed.

Mary, the "unafraid," the mother of Jesus, proclaimed herself militant when she cried out, exultantly: "He hath brought down the mighty from their seats, and exalted the meek." Having the desire and purpose within her own heart to better the condition of the class to which she belonged, she exulted in the birth of a male child through whom she could work. It was only way she could work in her day and time.

Today we women stand fearless and strong in our own might, and we call to all women in the whole world, regardless of creed or color, to join our ranks in the fight for truth, justice and freedom.

## HOLLYWOOD RESUME: Equity and Screen Guild Cooperate

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

**HOLLYWOOD**—Actors Equity, carrying out its threat to suspend all members who did not join the affiliated Screen Actors Guild, has suspended 23 actors. Included among those who can appear on no stage in America are Lionel Barrymore, Rosalind Russell, Alice Brady, Jack Oakie, Nat Pendleton, Ian Keith, Lucien Littlefield, Eric Lindner, Dorothy Lee, and 14 others. Among the new members, added to the Screen Actors Guild (some of whom joined to avoid the Equity ban) are John Barrymore, Barbara Stanwyck, Erik Rhodes, J. Farrell McDonald, Arthur Hoyt, Muriel Evans, Matty Fain, George Rosener and Rockliffe Fellows.

H. R. Knickerbocker's news stories from Toledo, Spain, and the Hearstian's services, have been acquired by 20th Century-Fox for use on the film, *Siege of the Alcazar*. You can imagine what the picture will be like! Louis B. Mayer is on the loose again. Last year he said he would join the Communists if he could feel convinced their way would bring happiness and prosperity. Now he warns Hollywood's "reds" that he knows them all, and that even if they are getting \$2,500 a week, they will have to return to Moscow, where they belong. Boasting strange knowledge, Mayer says he knows they are financed and supported by the Third International. Come, come, L.B., do you really think that radicals earning \$2,500 a week need support from the Comintern?

John Dos Passos is reported to be working in the east on the script of a movie to be made by famed Dutch director Joris Ivens. The combination is one that might turn out the greatest film ever made. There is no better director in the world, nor any better story teller in America. Carl Dreher, one of Hollywood's best sound technicians, is going east to make a thorough investigation of television possibilities. His report will be published by the research council of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, only useful branch of this company union. The academy, incidentally, has opened a "registry" service for copyrighting film stories. But after the way the academy "misplaced" highly important documents in Jimmy Cagney's suit against Warner, writers are not going for

this new service, which would put copyright into the hands of the producers' stooges.

The Soviet film "Gypsies" was being called the best to come from the U.S.S.R. in a long time, on its appearance at the Grand International in Los Angeles. Fascist Italy has given its prize for the best movie script of the year to mystic playwright Luigi Pirandello. Government control of movie houses in Catalonia is working out with American companies making pretty near as much as when they exhibited independently. In case of a loyalist victory, same plan will be applied all over Spain. Tess Slesinger's short story, "The Times So Unsettled Are," will be made into a picture by Paramount, Robert Florey directing. The latter, however, will first megaphone "Happiness Preferred," the lynching picture. Hearst press is so scared of unions since the guild pulled those successful strikes, that the Examiner and Herald-Express (Hearst sheets in Los Angeles) refused all publicity to the Flashlighters' Frolic, a benefit sponsored by a newspaper photographers' protective organization, which is in no way a union.

**FILMS AT A GLANCE**  
**BIG BROADCAST OF 1937:** Cast from Leopold Stokowski, Philadelphia Symphony leader, to Gracie Allen makes a surprisingly good musical.

**DANIEL BOONE:** Gets by as a Western. As history, it doesn't stand a chance.

**THE BIG GAME:** Hollywood gets hold of a first-rate writer (Irwin Shaw) of the anti-war play, *Bury the Dead*, and hides his light under a bushel of nonsense about college football.

**REGULAR YOUR HEART:** Kind of plot that sits down and rests while the cast sings. Marlon Talley's screen debut not a great success.

**MAGNIFICENT BRUTE:** If you think steel mills are "lovely," and that the men simply "adore" them, and their work is treated like cute though naughty children by the foreman, then you'll be crazy about Victor MacLaglen in this film. But if this sounds like hokum, you'll find the picture pretty much so for U. S. Steel.

**THE PRESIDENT'S MYSTERY:** A drama of a corpora-

## Only Nazi Authors Allowed the Germans By 'Loving Force'

Side by side with announcements of new liberties as life in the Soviet Union becomes more prosperous, come announcements from Berlin of an entirely different nature.

Hans Johst, president of the Hitler's Reich Chamber of Literature, announced on Oct. 25th that force will be used to compel Germans to read only books by National Socialist authors.

Mr. Johst calls it "loving force." He is "forcing" the German people to read what they don't want because he "loves" them.

"In the future," announced Johst at a celebration of "Book Week" at Weimar, "I will eliminate the lukewarm among the bookdealers and I will not tolerate a dictatorship of the buying public. The buying public is our people and our people want to be and shall be convinced and led; that is the essential principle of our age. . . . Our state needs a revelation of spirit. Resistance will be broken with dynamite."

## More Democracy For Federal Actors Pledged

**LOS ANGELES**—At a Mayan Theater mass meeting of rank and file actors and actresses of the Los Angeles County Federal Theater Project, promises were made to insure a more democratic set-up administration.

This meeting was called by J. Howard Miller, director of the western states area for the national theater project, to offset ill feeling between officials and players, and to quiet charges of dictatorship and favoritism being leveled at the heads.

Her assured actors that they will be represented hereafter in production management.

Where formerly casting has been done by the casting director, Ann Kingsley, a committee of three will handle it. The committee will be headed by Ann Kingsley but will have on it the director of the production, to be cast and a member of the newly organized production committee in which actors are represented.

## Pity Shipowners! Horses Have Valets But Seamen Don't

Lurline Matson Roth was the only child, daughter of Captain Matson of the Matson Navigation Company. When Captain Matson died Lurline inherited all his wealth and married Wm. Roth, now president of the Matson Navigation Company.

Lurline Matson Roth likes race horses in whose veins flow the blue blood of Kentucky. She travels all over America exhibiting these horses (50 of them) in private cars.

At Woodside, near Redwood City is a beautiful palace with cork floors for Lurline's aristocratic horses. The horses have their valets and live the life of Riley. Not a single seaman in the employ of Matson Navigation Company, not a single stevedore, oiler, water tender, marine cooks, or any other maritime worker can ever hope to have the life of clover enjoyed by Lurline's horses. And yet you pay for the horses?

While Barbara Hutton has her Greeks, Lurline Roth has her horses. And you, Maritime worker, have an arbitration board! In a San Francisco drawing room recently Lurline's sister was heard to remark, "It takes all that the Matson Line can make to keep Lurline merely in her race horses."

"Harry Bridges is a fiend in human form. The longshoremen are driving the shipping companies to the wall. The New Deal was originated in Moscow."

Well, stevedore, seaman, and maritime worker? It looks like the title of this true story should have been, "A Horse on YOU."

tion-lawyer who turns away from lobbying and starts to build a cooperative factory in a small town. Big business will stop at nothing, not even company spies. **THE GAY DESPERADO:** Neither desperate nor particularly gay. Nino Martini hits high C in his best Metropolitan manner. Leo Carrillo steals what show there is to steal. **RAMONA:** Technicolor doesn't help this grief-stricken remake of the famous silent picture after the novel. **THEY MET IN A TAXI:** Two taxi drivers with a mystery woman on their hands. Chester Morris, Fay Wray, Lionel Stander. Several funny scenes.

## THEY LEAD DEFENSE OF U.S.S.R.



IN THIS, the 19th anniversary Soviet people reaffirm their determination to fight for peace, but also to defend every inch of Soviet soil from any Fascists who dare invade. Photo shows: Marshall Budenny, Red Cavalry Inspector (left), and Marshal Yegorov, chief of general staff of Red Army.

## INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE: A SNARE Workers Buy 800 Millions Annually

By PHILIP GARDNER

(National Field Organizer, International Workers' Order)  
Since this is an article on industrial insurance, and since workers are buying it in large quantities, I should begin by telling you what industrial insurance is. But I'm afraid you'll have to read it through.

If you want to know why I can't tell you offhand, try to figure out what the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. means by its introduction to its industrial policy:

"In consideration of the payment of the premium stated in the schedule on page 4 hereon, on or before each Monday, do hereby agree subject to the conditions below and on page 2 hereof, each of which is hereby . . .

Clear as mud.

**"Five and Dime"**  
The industrial insurance policy is otherwise known as "five and dime," or "burial" insurance.

In one year the American workers bury 800 million dollars into it.

The salesmen talk to them about the real problem of insecurity in the event of death of the family breadwinner. The industrial insurance policy seems to answer this problem. It is made easy to buy, no physical examination and a weekly payment plan of 5, 10 or 25c as the case may be.

Nevertheless, it is a snare. The real test of insurance is how much of it is received back in insurance. In 1934, of every \$1000 in industrial insurance taken off the books, only 3 percent went to pay death benefits.

**Allowed to Lapse**  
Nineteen out of every twenty industrial policies lapse before maturity. The "easy installments" seem to be attractive, but the actual cost is eight times higher than that of ordinary insurance.

Workers are tricked by the ease with which they can take out industrial insurance. The lack of examination is one of the tricks of the snare. It doesn't mean what it seems to mean, for after death if the insurance company can prove the worker ever had a serious ailment, the policy is null and void. Of course the worker may have continued to pay for years in ignorance, supposing he was insured. The family can take the matter to court and fight a million-dollar corporation; usually it can't afford to.

**Doesn't Really Mean It**  
Another joker. There is an "incontestability" clause, which says: "After this policy shall have been in force, during the life-time of the insured, for one

full year from its date, it shall be incontestable, except for non-payment."

It would seem to be very clear in black and white. But innumerable lawsuits have proved that it means nothing. The company always maintains that the policy has never been in force if there is an incorrect statement made by the purchaser. The company simply asserts that the purchaser suffered from some disease. Even if the contrary could be proved, how many workers can afford a lengthy court fight with a big insurance company? The cost of it would be more than the insurance collected.

**The Figures**

In 1934, more than four billion dollars of industrial insurance was taken off the books. Here are the figures:

Total terminations	\$4,428,062,908
Terminations by lapses	3,127,573,734
Terminations by surrender	983,691,019
Termination by death	153,570,202
Salaries and commissions	149,456,286

In other words, workers who purchased over four billion dollars' worth of insurance receive back 153 millions. As much as this goes for salaries and commissions.

Mort and E. A. Gilbert, who wrote a pamphlet on industrial insurance, which they called "A snare for workers," were putting it mildly. No other commodity purchased by working people gives them so little for money paid out. This is a big statement, because there are many big frauds, but it is true.

**Dollars and Cents**

The Gilberts, who were not members of the Industrial Workers' order nor even familiar with the organization itself, recommended that workers drop their industrial insurance in favor of policies issued by the I. W. O. They were speaking on a strictly dollars and cents basis.

It happens also that the I.W.O. is an organization of and for the working class in all its struggles. I will discuss the organization itself in the last of this series, a week from this issue. The offices of the I.W.O. are 830 Market street, San Francisco, and 137 N. Soto street, Los Angeles.

## Dithyramb For Dirty Willie

Will paces through his palatial home;  
(His wife is in London—or maybe Rome,—  
But Marion flits about, or knits,  
Or perches upon his knee and sits  
And pecks at the spot  
Where the hair is not  
On the top of his curious dome.

The sun never sets on the empire of Will;  
Of all worldly goods he has had his fill.  
But he's fixed his aim in another game—  
If he loses he'll never be the same—  
So he fusses and frets,  
And he mopes and pines,  
For politics gives him a chill.

So Marion coaxes and cuddles in vain:  
His mind's now in Germany, now in Spain.  
Milwaukee just gave him cause to rave;  
Seattle's no longer his willing slave;  
About or abed he ever sees red,  
And Moscow gives him an aching head,  
The Com-yun-ist's a terrible pain.

He chafes and rages—and frothes at the mouth:  
The Democrat's sweeping the Solid South—  
The Communists gain in a hot campaign—  
The Fascists swept back again in Spain—  
His P-I. mute as a broken flute,  
And cops aid the pickets, by gosh, to boot!  
And London to lose by a drough.

So shed a tear for Willie R. Hearst.  
An onion will aid you, at the worst.

O weep for Marion—she's in a flutter—  
The Reds want to take her bread and butter!

Republicans huddle in terrified pow-wows;  
America's gone to the Bolshevik bow-wows;  
This nation's a country accursed!

## He Came; He Saw And Was Conquered Approves Soviets

**CHICAGO**—He came to Russia, he saw, and was conquered. That is the frank confession of Victor Yarros, former editorial writer for the Chicago Daily News and author of a book denouncing the Bolshevik regime in Russia. He went with Dr. Rachel Yarros, his wife, to the Soviet Union last summer and he was, he told the Chicago City Club, Oct. 26, "impressed and thrilled" though he still has reservations and confusion.

**Jobs Ready**  
With his approval The City Club Bulletin reported his talk in the following words:

"Every door was opened to him and he talked freely with people in all walks of life, from hotel chambermaids and chauffeurs to high officials of the state. He said he was impressed first by the fact there is no unemployment in Russia. When a boy or girl finishes his education a job is waiting for him; he does not wait for the job.

**No "Charity"**

"There is no such thing as private charity in Russia, he said. The government undertakes to care for all who are in need. Medical care is free to all, as is education. It was truly inspiring, he said, to see a whole nation at school. Free education extends even to advanced training in such professions as law, medicine and engineering.

"The purpose of the press, as well as of all the magazines, is to educate, he said. Sensationalism is unknown. Russia is also a nation of debaters. Mr. Yarros found. Every question may be freely debated and any person may criticize, whether he be a factory boss or Stalin himself. But criticism of the government is not tolerated on the ground that a good Russian must be a good Socialist.

**Equality of Women**

"Men and women have complete equality, Mr. Yarros noted. The abolition of restrictions on minorities was another development that Mr. Yarros said he had been unprepared for. So certain is the government of the loyalty of the people that in the proposed new constitution the right of any minority group to secede from the union has been written in."

Asked about the Kameney-Zilnov murder-conspiracy trials Mr. Yarros said that "according to Russian standards it was absolutely fair. The defendants, he said, 'were political fanatics who not only insisted they were guilty, but that they deserved the highest punishment.'"

## Terror of Black Legion Shown In Coming Film

—A PREVIEW

America was shocked a few months ago by the revelations of secret fascist terrorism that came out of the Detroit Black Legion investigation. Labor terrorism, union-smashing, political corruption and murder were revealed as the aims and tactics of the gang of hooded hoodlums that threatened the principles of American democracy. Popular pressure brought the law into the case and a number of the leaders were tried and convicted of murder. But the Black Legion still goes on, with its threat to labor and to liberty.

These startling revelations have been made the basis of the film "Legion of Terror," which opens on the Orpheum in San Francisco Thursday (Nov. 5). While the film avoids many of the anti-labor implications of the hooded legion, it shows daringly its clutch upon the press and the political life of the communities in which it operates. And it reveals its hate-stirring, prejudice-playing tactics of terrorism most unflinchingly.

Bruce Cabot, who played the mob leader in "Fury" is seen in the role of the young postal inspector who is placed on the mob's trail after a bomb has been sent through the mails. Marguerite Churchill is seen as a girl whose brother loses his job in a factory because he will not join the hooded legion and later is murdered when he starts a movement against the organization. The film, unusual for a Hollywood product, is the most socially significant work the screen has presented since "Fury."

—W.W.R.  
**"The Blue Overall" Is New, Popular Paper in Spain**

**MADRID**—The Blue Overall, so-named from the uniform of the workers' militia, is the journalistic offspring of Spain's fight for freedom, and has acquired a large circulation at home and at the front.

## SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

(Continuing from last issue, our discussion of the Writers' Congress, scheduled for November 13th in San Francisco.)

**IN BRIEF**, the situation is this: the annual crop of manuscripts produced by American writers would amount, roughly, to about six million. The annual number the existing market can absorb is about fifty thousand. Thus, unless new markets can be developed, about ninety-nine per cent of the present writers must be plowed under.

Most of this literary production is of a poor quality. Considering only those manuscripts which, by any fair standard, should be published, the field narrows down considerably. Nevertheless, the crisis remains acute.

On top of this, the decision as to what is published and what is rejected remains in the unregulated, chaotic hands of a few wealthy business men and whatever advisers they may care to employ.

And on top of that, practically the whole publishing field is dominated by advertisers who dictate exactly what kind of material the magazines shall print.

No sensible writer believes that EVERYTHING can or should be published. Certain standards of judgment and selection should be established and made effective. But this editorial judgment should not be in the form of censorship or according to the unreliable and unregulated opinions of a few New York business men.

In deciding such matters, both the writer, who has to write the stuff, and the reader who has to read it, should have some say.

Furthermore, the censorship imposed by advertisers is a menace both to the general interests of literature and to the public safety.

It is only possible, in this short space, to touch very briefly on these matters, which really deserve extensive explanation. What I am trying above all to do is to show concisely WHAT the writer's problems consist of and how the public shares them.

Let's list those problems numerically.

(1) How to live, pay rent and eat while accomplishing a job of writing and how to get a decent remuneration for the work when published.

(2) How to establish some fair and sensible means of judging the merits of manuscripts.

(3) How to develop new and larger publication facilities which will be free from the domination of advertisers and will admit of reasonable democratic control by both the writers and their public.

Those are the real problems of the writer. Other problems, such as style and the technique of writing, the merits of literary criticism, etc., must necessarily take a second place. They are important, in their own way, but remain rather futile unless the fundamental, practical problems are solved first.

**PERHAPS** some of my readers would prefer to have me say that the thing of greatest importance to the modern writer is to prevent Fascism. Okay! That is true enough. I didn't go into the political aspects of the writer's problems for the reason that I believe it is first necessary to see the thing in its simplest and most fundamental light. Any careful consideration of the three points set forth above must necessarily take into consideration the political issues of the day. When a writer sets out to fight Fascism, it must be on the basis of those three points.

When a writer examines any social system or political movement, he must ask himself:

Will it give me social security and a decent reward for my efforts?

Will it impose censorship over my work?

Will it grant me democratic voice in the governing of my profession?

Fascism, to the writer, means the complete strangulation of his profession. His stories must point exactly those morals and come to exactly those conclusions which the major bankers and industrialists consider "safe" or "convenient" for the public to read. The facts, or the truth are almost invariably dangerous to the "status quo."

God knows, we have enough of this sort of thing right now in America. But we still have the democratic rights and a few available means whereby this situation can be counteracted. And it is the business of the Writers' Congress to tackle these problems and organize to overcome them.

## VOICES OF LABOR

On the Right Track In re a Red Balter

**EDITOR:** Some one from the Western Worker should listen in on KNX, Hollywood, and give us the lowdown on Speaker Martin Luther Thomas. I think he must be one of the Silver Legionnaires. He called on his followers to organize, as they only had until the election to get their forces together to combat Communism. He said he was speaking for the Christian Society, or something of that sort.

(Editor's note: Martin Luther Thomas, well known for his vicious red-hating radio speeches in Los Angeles, is indeed a Fascist-minded reactionary. He follows the typical method of labeling as Communist any movement which is not reactionary. Epic workers know how he was one of the big mouthpieces attacking Upton Sinclair in 1934. His Fascist leanings are unmistakable. His lies are particularly concocted with a view of misleading religious-minded people.)

Santa Barbara.

**Appreciation and A Criticism**

**EDITOR:** Please don't take my name from your subscription list. Will send money soon. Can't get along without the W. W. I have one criticism: the enthusiasm of those who send you news sometimes carries them beyond strict accuracy. When headquarters here in Santa Barbara were raided, the officials did not steal pamphlets. They asked for them, even with politeness. The injustice of such an illegal raid is bad enough in itself, and adding a slight inaccuracy to the story tends to discredit the

whole thing.

Everyone in our household looks eagerly for the paper twice a week. It seems to me that the "People's Health" column fills space that could very well be used otherwise. Wishing you continued success. E. W.

Arbuckle, Calif.

**Appreciation From A Farmer**

**EDITOR:** I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for sending me the Western Worker, and I shall say that if my crops turn out better next year I shall pay for the papers I am now getting.

If I am able to come to San Francisco I shall drop in and thank you personally. Name withheld.

(Editor's note: This writer's subscription was continued after he was unable to renew it because of the spring frost killing his crops.)

**A CORRECTION**

I generally understood here in Atascadero as a typographical error, a correction should be made in the story exposing the local Silver Shirts. Charles W. Eisenbeis was referred to as a former "drunkard" deacon. It was written correctly as "Dunkard" deacon. The Dunkards are a religious sect.

Note that Harvey O'Connor in a recent article in the People's Press outdoes us in the matter of damning Silver Shirts as plotters of violence. People's Press verified us on all except incidental points, but as one anti-Fascist paper to another, in the spirit of friendly competition, we should recall that we first gave the inside and low-down on the S. S. here. The Correspondent.



# Soviet Peace Policy

The Soviet Union as a factor for the defense of peace throughout the world, is shown in the following excerpts from "The Plan of Construction and Peace," by V.M. Molotov, chairman of the Council of People's Commissars, U.S.S.R.

"During the past year the relations between the Soviet Union and other countries have on the whole developed normally. In the majority of cases our relations with foreign states developed in a direction favorable to the cause of peace. At any rate, everything that depended on the Soviet government was done to strengthen the cause of universal peace and, primarily, to strengthen peace in Europe and Asia."

**Nazi War-Instigators**  
"Everybody knows that German Fascism is not merely confining itself to elaborating plans of conquest, but is preparing to act in the immediate future. The German Fascists have in the sight of all turned the country which has fallen into their hands into a military camp, which, owing to its position in the very center of Europe, constitutes a menace not only to the Soviet Union."

"All this constitutes a growing menace to the peace of Europe, and not of Europe alone..."  
"A report recently appeared of the conclusion of a military agreement between Japan and Germany and of Poland's connection with this matter..."  
"It is not for nothing that both Japan and Germany left the League of Nations in good time, in order to leave their hands free, and, with good reason, are regarded by the whole world as the powers with the most aggressive foreign policy."

**Soviet Policy**  
"The Soviet Union alone has taken up a definite position of principle with regard to the Italo-Ethiopia war, a position hostile to imperialism, a position hostile to a policy of colonial conquest of any kind. The Soviet Union alone declared that it bases itself on the principle of the equality and independence of Ethiopia which, in addition, is a member of the League of Nations, and that it cannot support any action of the League of Nations or of individual capitalist states which aims at violating this independence and equality. This policy of the Soviet Union, which distinguishes it in principle from the other members of the League of Nations, is one of exclusive international significance and one which will yet yield valuable fruit..."

"The toilers of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics are now working harmoniously to build a new life and are really advancing towards a happy life."  
"And yet there are imperialist gentlemen who dream of robbing the peoples of the Soviet Union of their freedom and of saddling us with foreign landlords and capitalists. To this we reply: 'Dear sirs, open your eyes, you were born too late!'"

## Elaborate Program Ready for I.W.O. Annual Ball

SAN FRANCISCO.—An elaborate program has been arranged for the annual ball of the International Workers Order Saturday, November 14, at the Trianon Ball Rm., 1268 Sutter St.

Vivian Wall, acclaimed by critics as a foremost exponent of the modern dance will perform three numbers. Wallace and Elmandi, dance team, and the Carol Beale Dancers, will present some of their more popular numbers. George Sabback and his 10 piece orchestra, aided by Ruth Anne Sherman, vocalist, will play the dance music. Tickets are obtainable at the I.W.O. office at 830 Market St., Rm. 515

## Threaten to Use Hawaii National Guard in Strike

HONOLULU.—The Hawaii National Guard and the American Legion will be rushed into action against the waterfront workers "if violence should break out," according to Police Chief Gabrielson. The Police Chief stated he has a large supply of tear gas on hand. The strikers have maintained strict peacefulness on the island.

**CHESTER LABOR FOR C.I.O.**  
CHESTER, Pa.—The Delaware County Central Labor Union endorsed the Committee for Industrial Organization, and also adopted a resolution condemning the A.F.L. Executive Council for suspending the C.I.O. unions.

## ARMENIANS—WITH A SOVIET GOVT.—STARVE NO MORE



UNDER CAPITALISM, minority peoples—like the Negroes in America—are oppressed-victims of especially low wages, of lynch law, and deprived of most elementary rights. Under Soviet rule, minority peoples prosper. Photo shows happy, hale school children in Erivan, capital of Soviet Armenia. "Starving Armenians," the world once called them, when the czar ruled over them. They don't starve any more. They have their own Soviet republic, their own schools, newspapers, their own theaters, etc.

## Figures Prove Soviet Triumphs

MOSCOW.—Marking the fifth anniversary of the day they both began production, the Kharkov Tractor Plant and the Stalin Automobile Plant recently announced that the former had produced a total of 160,000 tractors and the latter 121,000 trucks.

Seven months after it opened, the Kharkov plant was producing 100 tractors a day.

Amount of electric power used per worker has increased elevenfold since 1931. During the last five years, monthly output per worker quadrupled, accompanied by a steady rise in wages.

In 1935, 41,235 tractors were produced, as compared to 16,333 tractors in 1932. In 1932 a tractor cost the plant 4593 rubles; during the first eight months of 1936, the production cost was 2973 rubles.

**Trucks For Farms and Industry**  
The Stalin Automobile Plant's designed capacity was set at 25,000 trucks a year. In 1932 it manufactured 15,149, but by this year productivity had so increased that from January 1st to October 1, 1936, 33,072 trucks were turned out.

The Stalin plant is undergoing its second reconstruction, which will transform it into one of the largest automobile plants in the world.

Responsible for the increased efficiency in production is the Stakhanov system, which has swept the Soviet Union, accomplishing modern miracles for the people of the U.S.S.R., raising wages and living standards at a rate unprecedented in world history.

# The Birthday of a Great Society in the U. S. S. R.

By EDWARD LIVINGSTON  
On its nineteenth birthday the Soviet Union has behind it a record of achievements such as capitalism never equalled, even in the years when capitalism was young and growing. It is a record that Soviet citizens generally and the Communist Party in particular could be proud of any time and anywhere.

But it is a good deal more than that; for it is a record made against terrific odds. It was made by workers who had to start from scratch, who had first to win a war in which their enemies were supported by all the great nations of the world.

Then they had to rebuild a production system which Tsarist stupidity and capitalist greed had all but wrecked. Even if their success had been only half as great as it has been, thoughtful people would still have been surprised and delighted that they succeeded at all.

**Contrast With Rest of World**  
Nevertheless, even this is not the full measure of their achievement. To appreciate that achievement fully, we must put alongside of it the history of the capitalist countries during this same nineteen years. The end of the war found the Allied powers at a high peak of production, but it was a productive capacity they could only use for death and destruction. There was no place for it in times of peace.

So France, England, and the United States plunged from their high peak into the worst depression they had ever known. While the Soviet Union went ahead at unheard-of speed, our own economists could only talk about "prosperity around the corner, like small boys whistling to keep up their courage in the dark."

What this growth of the Soviet Union means in terms of economic statistics is quickly told.

## Spain Will Beat Fascists, Says Ambassador

WASHINGTON.—Forces of democracy will be victorious over the Fascists of Spain, Fernando De Los Rios, Spanish Ambassador to the United States, predicted here in a speech before the National Press Club.

The ambassador based his prediction on "a realistic reason, because I know the love of liberty is profoundly rooted in the heart of Spain and, secondly, because I believe in justice and in the cause of humanism. I have a living faith in the victory and in the cause of my government."

## 3000 Dockers On Strike In England

MANCHESTER, England.—Three thousand longshoremen employed on the Manchester Ship Canal went on strike against firing of 30 fellow workers.

The dispute arose when dockers unloading a plaster of paris cargo, refused to take more than 16 bags to a sling, instead of 20 bags as the employers wanted. Subsequently 30 men were fired, and their fellow workers struck work in sympathy.

The strikers are demanding official recognition of the strike by the Transport and General Workers Union, which has withheld official sanction pending a meeting of the union's executive council.

At Liverpool between 300 and 400 longshoremen called a quickie strike against the T. and J. Harrison steamship company at the Brunswick docks, but won their demands within a few hours.

## More Funds For Spanish People

SAN FRANCISCO.—Additional funds to be forwarded to the heroic Spanish people fighting against Fascism, were reported by the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party.

Previously acknowledged funds of \$1050.18 were forwarded to the Labor's Red Cross for Spain funds headed by David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. This fund of \$100,000 was achieved and closed.

To the newly organized North American Committee for Defense of Spanish Democracy, will go the following donations:

P. Melnikov, \$10; Unit 100, S.F., \$1; A. Friend, \$5; P. Orr, \$2; Anna Porter, \$10; Harry, \$1; Friends of Bookshop, \$1; Friends of Bookshop, \$6; A. Friend, \$1; Hild Olson and McDaniels, \$5; Tulare, \$2.50; Dr. X, \$2.50; A. Friend, \$1; Finnish Women's Club, \$5; Total To Date—\$110.68.

The North American Committee forwards all donations to the Spanish government. All funds received by the Communist Party, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, will be forwarded to this committee.

**PRINTER FRAME-UP VICTIM**  
WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—A union printer, E. P. Jennings, is the latest labor frame-up victim. He and Charles Harris were convicted of dynamiting a judge's car.

**DU PONT AIDS JINGOISTS**  
NEW YORK.—Lammott du Pont, of the munitions family, is a heavy backer of the latest red-baiting outfit: "Women Investors of America."

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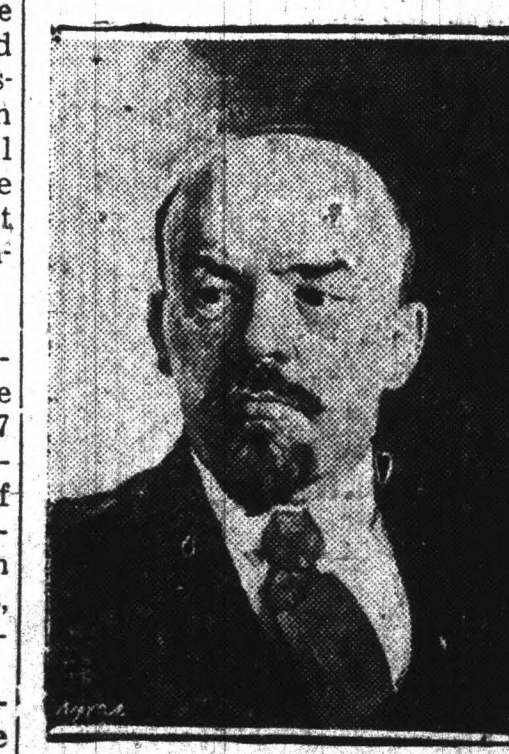
National income in the Soviet Union in 1935 was 17.8 percent higher than in 1934; industrial output was 20.7 percent higher; agricultural output was 11 percent higher; and railroad transport was 26.2 percent greater.

In the heavy industries, 8.1 percent more coal was produced in 1935 than in 1934; 5 percent more oil; 20.1 percent more pig iron; 31.2 percent more steel; 16.3 percent more tractors; and 32 percent more automobiles.

There are now over 250,000 collective farms, 5,000 Soviet farms, and over 4,000 machine and tractor stations. There are over 300,000 tractors, 50,000 harvester combines, and 35,000 motor trucks to take the place of the wooden plows and half-starved horses which had been the Russian farmers' only tools through countless generations. And all this growth went on while the workers and farmers of the rest of the world faced open starvation.

A good society is one that fur-

## LED THE WAY



V. I. LENIN  
Founder of the Bolshevik Party, founder of the Communist International, Lenin was the immortally great leader who led the Russian people to victory over capitalist oppression and to the present free, prosperous and happy Soviet Union; whose teachings inspire millions upon millions of workers in capitalist countries today to strive towards a new world of Socialism.

## WHAT FASCISM HAS BROUGHT TO GERMANY

While USSR Thrives, Germans Starve Under Hitler

At the opposite pole from the free, happy and prosperous Soviet Union, stands Nazi Germany with its people ground under the merciless Fascist dictatorship, suffering hunger and privation and being forced by Hitler toward a new world war.

Recently Hitler announced a "new four-year plan" of the Nazi Party, after admitting that his first "four-year plan," proclaimed on February 2, 1933, was nothing but a "brief proclamation" in which he promised to make the German people happy if given a tenure of four years. There's No Unemployment in U. S. S. R.

What he has brought to the German people is increased unemployment, up to 4,500,000 without jobs—where he promised to end unemployment.

Nazism has meant less and poorer food for the people, rickets for the children, with milk like water, butter as rare as hen's teeth, and eggs so rare that the majority of the people can't afford to buy them.

The German statistical department admitted that the price index in August, 1936, was 9.5 percent higher than in August, 1933—thus officially admitting that the living standard of the German worker, even ignoring the wage cuts, has been reduced by almost 10 percent.

## Germans Starve for Nazi War Program

The Nazi papers shout themselves hoarse in an attempt to convince the population of the necessity of eating less, particularly butter, eggs and meat.

The German workers pay, in lowered living standards, for the feverish armaments being carried on in the interests of big capital—this is shown in heavy wage cuts and in higher prices for food, clothing, shoes and other products and in taxation.

This is what Fascism means to the people under its heel—mass starvation, degradation and terror—all to the end of Hitler's program for a war of aggression and robbery, all to the end that the Krupps, Thyssens and other German capitalists may retain their huge profits wrung from the misery of the German people.

## JAPAN BANKERS INVEST

TOKYO.—Japanese financiers, bankers and big business men will invest 150,000,000 yen in Japan's war program of expansion, it was announced here.

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nishes a good life for all its citizens; this is the final test in which the Soviet Union has gone far ahead of every other country.

In 1913, 70 percent of the workers and farmers of Russia could not read or write; today there are less than 5 percent who can not do so. In 1913 there were only 8,000,000 children between the ages of 8 and 15 attending school in all of Russia; today there are 27,000,000.

**Educational Advances**  
In 1913 there were only 13,000 libraries; today there are more than 70,000. The money spent for education in 1935 was over 10 billion rubles. There is social insurance to provide for every member, unemployment, sickness, old age, child birth, death, and it comes out of the returns of the industry, not out of the workers' pay envelopes.

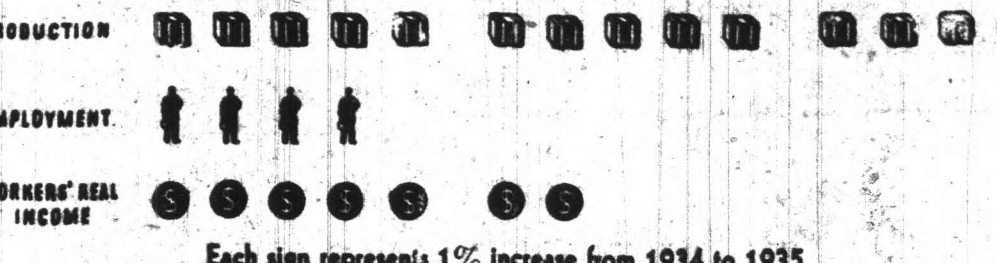
Women are free to hold any job and any public office. Nobody is discriminated against on account of race, color, or nationality. Basic medical and dental care are free to all citizens, and hospitals and recreation centers are available to everyone. These things are examples of what socialism can mean and what capitalism has never come within sight of.

But the whole story has not been told even yet. Two countries, Italy and Germany, pretend to offer another solution for the weakness of capitalism, and in a third country, Spain, army officers, landlords, and high church dignitaries are trying, by means of bloody rebellion against the democratic government of the nation, to set up the same last desperate stand of capitalism. No picture of the victory of socialism can be complete without a picture of the failure of fascism.

**Misery Under Fascism**  
Krupp and Siemens and the other great industrialists own Germany today as truly as if they had the country in their safe deposit boxes. Germany's workers go hungry, and when they ask for bread are told that they ought to be satisfied with war preparations instead. Italian workers are still dying in Africa in order that Italian bankers may have more people to exploit.

Spanish workers are being shot by Moorish troops when they try to preserve their government. Production in Germany and Italy has decreased steadily except for war materials. Unemployment haunts the land, and a once promising system of social insurance has been practically destroyed by the fascists. Wages are falling and living costs are rising. Farmers, like workers, are burdened with debt and taxation. Every voice raised in protest is stifled by force.

## THE STORY UNDER CAPITALISM EMPLOYMENT LAGS BEHIND PRODUCTION



Each sign represents 1% increase from 1934 to 1935.

In manufacturing industries in 1935, production was above 1934 by 14 percent, employment by 4 percent, workers' total real income by 7 percent. (Federal Reserve Board figures.)

**IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF**—production up much further than wages and employment—which means a cut in real wages for American workers. The Soviet people, celebrating the 19th anniversary of the November, 1917 revolution, also celebrate wage increases, total abolition of unemployment.

## SOCIALISM FOR STEEL WORKERS

Big Contrast to Conditions in U.S. PROSPEROUS LIFE IN U.S.S.R.

In America the steel workers live in company-owned towns and suffer low wages, and lower conditions, subject to thug terror and the spy system when they organize into trade unions for better conditions.

In the Soviet Union, 19 years of victorious Socialism have brought the steel workers what the U. S. workers seek, and more to boot.

Demands recently put forward in America by company union employee representatives were: \$5 a day minimum wages, \$1.24 a day wage increase, 40-hour week, vacations with pay. If they can raise their wages, they will get something, for the steel produced belongs to the Steel Trust, for its own profit and benefit. The faster the workers produce, the quicker they will be unemployed again.

But the Soviet worker knows his steel goes to build railroads, textile factories, etc., resulting in more for him to wear and easier travel, with automatic raising of wages and lowering of prices of the things he wants to buy. He knows it is his steel, and there are no millionaires left to profit from what he makes. He knows unemployment has been banished forever in his country.

He already has what American steel workers may have to strike to win. His wages run up to 1000 rubles a month (\$200), with the seven-hour day and five-day week, with a six-hour day, four-day week in the heavier, hotter trades in the steel mill.

The Soviet worker has two weeks to one month vacation yearly with pay, and his round trip paid to a rest home, the seashore or the mountains. He has free medical care, free sick leave with pay, free hospitalization, no layoffs or unemployment, and a club house that is either a former palace of some prince or millionaire, or a new one still better.

The Soviet steel worker has his athletics, free education, the best theaters, free nurseries for his children.

Three years ago there was a big celebration when 20,000 tons of steel were made in one day. Last October 9th, the Soviet steel mills turned out 50,000 tons, and this year's competition sets as its goal 60,000 tons.

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## Socialism Advances; Fascism Means Barbarism

While the Soviet Union builds thousands of new libraries, the Nazis burn the nation's greatest books. While the Soviet Union adopts a new constitution giving ever greater freedom and opportunity to its citizens, thousands of the finest minds of Germany are beaten and imprisoned. While members of all races and religions live peacefully together in the Soviet Union, Jews, Catholics, Socialists are tortured and murdered in Nazi Germany. While Soviet workers and farmers live in prospect of peace and security, the workers and farmers of Fascist lands are fed on the bitter prospect of war and destruction. These are the things that Fascism has to offer on the nineteenth birthday of the land of socialist construction.

If we are ever to have a free, happy, and prosperous America, there can be no doubt of the lesson we have to learn.

## HARVEST IS BOUNTIFUL IN SOVIET UNION

Ukraine Is Far Ahead Of Grain Producing Schedule

The Ukrainian Republic of the Soviet Union—remember, where Hearst said the people were starving—has just completed its grain purchasing plan ahead of schedule and has delivered much more grain to the state than it did last year.

And this despite unfavorable weather! Besides fulfilling their obligations to the state, 15,000 Ukrainian collective farms have signed contracts to sell about 850,000 tons of additional grain to the co-operatives. State farms exceeded their 1935 grain deliveries by 50 percent.

**Food In Plenty**  
More than 212 million acres of grain—98 percent of the plan—were harvested throughout the Soviet Union by September 30th last, according to latest figures available.

At the same time, harvesting of 3,265,000 acres of flax was completed, and the collective farms reported harvesting of 636,850 acres—2.7 per cent of the total area—of sugar beet.

By October 1st, harvesting of yellow tobacco was completed with an excess of 10,000 tons over last year's total, according to preliminary estimates.

## 25 Aged Chinese Workers Threatened With Deportation

SAN FRANCISCO.—Twenty-five aged Chinese workers have been denied relief here and are threatened with deportation. Relief officials have refused aid to the 25, who have labored in this country for many years, and have secured cooperation of Attorney General U.S. Webb in the attempt to get the U.S. Labor Department to deport them.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is taking up the fight on behalf of the Chinese workers.

## Soviet Film In L.A. Shows Latest Socialist Triumphs

LOS ANGELES.—"Builders of Socialism," Soviet film which opened its Western premiere engagement here October 30 at the Grand International Theater, 730 South Grand Ave., is a chronicle of the visit to the U.S.S.R. made by foreign workers' delegates of non-partisan workers and professionals who came to the Soviet Union from many countries including the United States, England, France, Germany, Spain, and Czechoslovakia.

It is also a film record of what these delegations saw while they were in the U.S.S.R. Every foot of the film was actually taken on the occasion of the delegates' visit.

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# Fletcher Supports Republican; Defies L. B. Labor Council

## COUNCIL VOTE IS OVERRIDDEN BY EX-MAYOR

### Hand and Glove With Landon's Forces

By a Worker Correspondent  
LONG BEACH—Editor Carl Fletcher of the Long Beach News, one time mayor of Long Beach, not only completely sabotaged the Long Beach Labor Council's endorsement of Representative Byron Scott, but came out with songs of praise for the reactionary Republican candidate, James F. Collins. The Labor News is the official organ of the L. B. Labor Council.

The complete refusal of Fletcher to be guided by the unanimous democratic vote of the official labor body to which he is responsible, is crystal clear. Two weeks ago when a change was noted in the Republican campaign tactics, Landon ads were removed from the billboards and instead there appeared the face of Collins for congress.

Simultaneously the Labor News came out with great praise for Collins and continued it right up to election time. It was a complete repudiation of the unanimous action of the Labor Movement.

Not content with this sabotage we also see his signature on a "testimonial" to Collins appearing in throw-away publications.

Fletcher's treason is more clearly treacherous because he was chairman of the committee that reported favorably to the Central Labor Council on Byron Scott's request for Labor's endorsement.

### Longshoremen In France Give Aid To Spain People

MARSEILLES, France—In a general meeting of the union, longshoremen here voted an assessment of 50 centimes per man per working day for the fund in aid of Spain. Gauges of 50 centimes longshoremen loaded the first food and clothing ship sent by the French workers to the Spanish government asking no pay for this work.

Longshoremen in Bordeaux subscribed 21,000 francs for the defense of Spanish democracy.

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## Picketing Banned In Agriculture

POMONA.—In line with a drive by authorities in cities throughout the Southern California agricultural district to maintain low wages during the winter season, the Pomona City Council is drawing up an ordinance banning picketing.

Mobs of vigilantes are being formed and local newspapers are leaving no stone unturned to create public sentiment against field workers, it is reported.

In most places the "Red scare" is being worked up and all attempts at organization of labor is being attributed to "Communist agitators."

## Union Soccer Team Drops Close One

San Francisco Union Recreation Center soccerers walked into a fast-moving game last Sunday with the Rovers which ended with a close score of 4 goals to U.R.C.'s 3. The game was a hot battle, looking like either team might win. U.R.C. moved swiftly the first half, bucking a gale of wind and a fierce opposition.

The Rovers scored the first two goals, after which U.R.C. immediately retaliated with another two points, making a tie. As the whistle was about to blow to end the first half, the ball was accidentally knocked into the Rovers' goal by one of our players.

**Close Second Half**  
The second half was a more bitterly fought and tighter game. A goal apiece was won by each side. When the Rovers had succeeded in getting their 4th goal they played safe to win, but Caren sneaked in a goal. All players did the best they could. Some had spent the night before on the picket line and were feeling tired. The game was played at the Golden Gate Beach Stadium.

A Partier, a new player, was outstanding, having succeeded in making two of U.R.C.'s 3 points. Casen took second honor with his well-aimed shot. Vissar and W. Bogdanoff performed exceptional work in defense and offense.

The U.R.C. plays the Pens Sons next Sunday, Nov. 8, at 2:45.

**BASKETBALL**  
The strike is not affecting the flashy basketball teams at the Union Recreation Center. All teams were out for a hard, fast workout last practice evening. Teams represented are the Flying Finns, Sailors and the Warehousemen, with a team promised from the Bargemen in the near future. At this writing the Flying Finns have it over the other teams by a small margin. The Sailors come in as a very close second.

Union Recreation Center's No.

## LENIN LED THE WAY—STALIN CARRIES ON HIS WORK



V. I. LENIN, great leader of the Bolsheviks, leader of the November, 1917, revolution, by which the Soviet workers and farmers overthrew capitalism once and for all. With Lenin is Joseph Stalin (at right) now general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, who carries on the work and teachings of Lenin. Workers throughout the world celebrate the 19th anniversary of November, 1917, revolution.

## L.A. Labor Council For Square Deal To News Guild

LOS ANGELES.—In a ringing vote of concurrence the Los Angeles Central Labor Council went on record as supporting a resolution from the Central Labor Council of Alameda County which demanded that William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in any move to end the strike of Hearst's Seattle Post-Intelligencer, insists that the basic rights of union labor be observed, especially that of union recognition.

1 baseball team won a flashily played game from the Valencia Merchants, 10-3. It was the fourth game in the winter league with the No. 1 team of the Center very much in the running for the league pennant. It has won 3, tied 1, lost none.

Schulze, U.R.C. pitched a two-hit game. Sunday the team will play St. James C.Y.C. in what promises to be the hardest game up to that time. A still stronger outfit is the team of the Royce Sport Shop, later in the schedule.

Union Recreation Center Team No. 2 won its first game Sunday, from Calhoun Athletic Club, 4-0. The two were tied for cellar position. Wheaton of U.R.C. struck out 13 men and allowed only 3 hits.

Next game of No. 2 team will be played at Ocean View Park Sunday at 2 p.m. with the S.F. B.C. (Ed. Note: will our sports writer hereafter explain what he means by S.F.B.C. and similar initials?)

### OAKLAND

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### LOS ANGELES

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## DEMONSTRATE

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## L.A. Times Lies Hysterically About Ship Strike

LOS ANGELES.—Hysterical in its attempts to build up a public sentiment of antagonism against the Communist Party as a basis for attacking the striking Maritime Unions, the Los Angeles Times lies, misquotes, misinterprets, and distorts statements made by speakers at the Communist International Congress in an effort to show that the "Moscow Reds predicted the sea strike four months ago" and are now managing it.

Using the names of Sam Darcy and Earl Browder, the Times lies by asserting that Communists admitted responsibility for the 1934 maritime strike and the San Francisco general strike, as well as the present one, and seeming to forget that 95 per cent of the rank and file of the maritime unions recently voted for these measures and that they are not to further the cause of Communism, as charged by the Times, but to guarantee decent wages and working conditions for the workers themselves.

**IT'S YOUR RIGHT**  
CHICAGO—Convicted of "defacing property" by pasting anti-Hearst stickers on a wall, Saul Borstein was freed by the State Supreme Court.

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## Profit of Texaco Mounts in Oil and Marine Industries

By an Oil Worker

For the first nine months of this year the Texas Co. managed to pile up profits of 28 million dollars. This information came in a news release by T. Reiber, chairman of the board and president of the Texas Company.

This experience is common to all companies belonging to the American Petroleum Institute, demonstrating to the employers the value of their "industrial union."

Texas employees, through the Oil Workers' Union, after months of negotiations, were able to get only the smallest increases in wages, 2 1/2 cents per hour.

**The Connections**  
Maritime workers will understand this situation when they recall that the guiding and controlling spirits of Texas are the self-same Lapham Brothers who are at the head of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. Their agent, Thomas G. Plant, is now taking the leading role on behalf of the shipowners in their attempts to smash the maritime unions.

There are several instances of employers being interested both in oil and water commerce.

Beyond all reasonable doubt a careful investigation will show us as workers that if and when the most oppressive and obnoxious conditions of the groups of us are wiped out, the problems of the other group will be ready for a much easier solution.

**Get Together**  
Twenty-eight million dollars say that in union there is strength and profit. Why should we workers not pool our resources, our economic strength?

Let us have a defense committee composed of the organized oil workers and the Maritime Federation. Let the first business be a survey to see how many instances there are of directly mutual problems of the oil and maritime workers.

Why hound around on one foot when we have two legs to progress on?

## Arrest of Lasser Is Scored In Letter To the White House

By a Worker Correspondent

WEAVERVILLE, California—Workers' Alliance of this town let the white house know it stands behind David Lasser and Herbert Benjamin who were arrested in Washington when they tried to present the demands of the Alliance for higher wages.

Here is the letter, sent to Franklin D. Roosevelt:  
Dear Sir: The Workers' Alliance of Weaverville protests the arrest of our president, David Lasser and vice-president Herbert Benjamin and John Kelly for presenting our desire for a living wage. We demand the release of these workers.

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## LONGSHOREMEN OF HONOLULU GET CHARTER

Stand Solidly With Strikers on the Mainland

HONOLULU—"The Honolulu Longshoremen's Association deserve the respect of union men throughout the nation," said Bill Kraft, west coast organizer of the I.L.A., shortly after he arrived in Honolulu to install the long-awaited charter for the Honolulu and Hilo stevedores.

Despite the fact that Island longshoremen are situated several hundred miles out in the Pacific ocean, where American Imperialism reigns supreme, Hawaii's dock workers have organized and gained increased wages and shorter hours within a comparatively short time.

**100 Per Cent Unionized**  
Workers in Hilo, where the docks are one hundred per cent unionized, have increased their pay by as much as fifty per cent. Hours compare favorably with the West Coast in certain cases. Harry Kamoku, militant Hawaiian longshore leader recently announced.

Hilo dockers have just announced that they will touch no cargo during the present strike. **Race Prejudice Not Allowed**  
Contrary to the shipowners' custom of creating racial hatred among island stevedores, the union will tolerate no race prejudices in their organizations. All races are accepted equally.

Needless to say, Joseph Ryan opposed the granting of this charter until the West Coast maritime unions enforced it. Present plans of Hawaii's unions call for an immediate formation of a local District Council of the Maritime Federation.

## Anti-Nazi Permitted To Enter France

NEW YORK—Adam Mueller, employed by the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital for the past nine years, will leave for France November 7th, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born having won for him the right to enter France instead of being deported to Hitler Germany.

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All friends of labor and political prisoners are urged to keep this date open: **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19—8 p. m.** When the 8th Annual I.L.D. Xmas Prisoners' Relief and Defense Dance will be held at 1254 Market Street. Watch for further announcements.

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### Los Angeles

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## I.L.A. Auxiliary Active In Maritime Strike

SAN FRANCISCO.—Not forgetting for a moment what the maritime unions mean to them, the members of the Women's Auxiliary of I.L.A. Local 38-79 have joined the campaign for the defense of unions. This campaign is the maritime strike.

The auxiliary has offices at 111 Jones Street, keeping office hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Strike Committee**  
The strike committee for the auxiliary has the following personnel:

Mrs. Charles Eastman, chairman; Mrs. Jack Shuler, secretary; Mrs. John Jurchan, treasurer; Mrs. John Schomaker, publicity chairman; Mrs. Johanson, relief chairman; Mrs. Alex Samit, membership chairman; Mrs. Alfred Moberg, sick committee chairman; Mrs. Henry Visser, social chairman; Mrs. Ben B. Jones and Mrs. Carlton Melin.

**Important Tasks**  
The relief committee has already met with joint maritime relief committee and is busy daily finding ways and means of housing homeless strikers. Many members have volunteered their homes.

Miss Anna Mooney, a guest at a special meeting of the women's strike committee, was enthusiastically accepted as a member of the relief committee.

An appeal for new members, and for volunteer work on the part of members or those eligible to membership, has been issued by the strike committee of the auxiliary.

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# Alameda County Union Leader Urges Support of Earl King

## SPOONER TELLS THAT SHIPPERS BACK FRAMEUP

### Organized Labor Must Prevent New Mooney Case

The following interview was recorded a reporter of the Western Worker by William Spooner, Secretary of the Alameda Council. Brother Spooner presided as chairman of the King-Ramsay-Connor Defense mass meeting, held recently in the Oakland Auditorium.

This interview is important because it emphasizes the fact that all organized labor in Alameda county (where the case is to be tried) is solidly behind the King-Ramsay-Connor Defense and is determined to smash this attempt by the ship-owners to frame these union men to San Quentin for a murder of which they are entirely innocent.

Earl King, head of the Marine Fireman union; Ernest Ramsay, former patrolman for the Marine Firemen and organizer of the Fish Reduction Union, and Frank J. Connor, member of the Marine Firemen, are charged with the murder of George Alberts, chief engineer of the Swayne and Hoyt freighter, Point Lobos, who was stabbed to death in his cabin on Sunday morning, March 22, 1936, as the vessel lay berthed at the Alameda terminal.

They were indicted by the grand jury following testimony against them by three men: Murphy, assistant secretary of the Marine Firemen; Guidara, a known strike-breaker and stool, and George Wallace, Marine Fireman, who made a "confession" implicating King and the others.

The trial was to have begun on Monday, October 26th, but was postponed when defense attorneys made a motion to disqualify the judge assigned by District Attorney Warren to try the case—Judge Frank Ogden—on the grounds that he was biased and prejudiced against the defendants.

**Question**—Why are you so convinced of the innocence of Earl King, Ernest Ramsay and Frank Connor, accused of the murder of George Alberts?

#### An Obvious Frameup

**Answer**—It is clear from a survey of the evidence brought forward in the Coroner's inquest that neither of these men could have had anything to do with the murder of Alberts. Five months after this inquest, at a time when the maritime unions were negotiating with the ship-owners for new contracts, District Attorney Warren suddenly ordered the arrests of these union men.

**Question**—In other words, you believe that King, Connor and Ramsay are being framed?

**Answer**—Yes. I think that this is a frame-up similar to the one which Tom Mooney was railroaded to San Quentin. The ship-owners want to break the maritime unions. They are trying to hang a spectacular murder charge on members of a maritime union as the first step in an attack upon the Maritime Federation of the Pacific and upon all organized labor on the coast.

**Question**—What do you think of the statements made by Murphy, Guidara, and Ramsay, as evidence against King and the others?

#### Murphy and Guidara

**Answer**—Murphy's and Guidara's statements show that they both had it in for King because of differences as to trade union policy and tried to make use of the Point Lobos case as a club over King's head. When they found it wouldn't work they swung the club. It is obvious to me that their testimony is all part of the frame-up. What stands out more than anything else in these statements is Guidara's and Murphy's hatred for King, rather than evidence to show King was involved in the murder.

**Question**—Why are the police raising the red scare in connection with this case?

**Answer**—This is an old trick of the employers to raise the red scare in order to split the workers, to make the issue Communism in an attempt to take the people's mind off of the real issue. In this case the frame-up was sprung in an attempt to split the unity of the maritime workers at a difficult time in their negotiations and to try to swing public sympathy away from the unions.

**Question**—Do you know King personally, and therefore are

## Plenty Support Awaits Marine Unions

### IN NORTHWEST

SPOKANE, Wash. — Support for the maritime unions becomes more evident everywhere you go up in the northwest. The Spokane Public Forum adopted a resolution pledging all the support the waterfront workers might need.

The same resolution had been passed by General Laborers Union 883 and by the Spokane Central Labor Council.

It protested the granting of dollars in subsidies to the shipping companies by the federal government "to maintain living standards" while these ship-owners attempt to break down working conditions and wages of the maritime unions.

The resolutions were sent to President Roosevelt and Secretary of Commerce Roper.

At the same time the pledges of support were sent to the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

## BRICKLAYERS AID MOONEY IN A BIG WAY

SAN FRANCISCO.—A check for \$500 accompanied the following resolution, in support of Tom Mooney, passed by the recent Thirtieth biennial and 43rd convention of the Bricklayers International, held in Buffalo, N.Y.

**WHEREAS**, Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings have now served twenty years in prison on a charge of which they are completely innocent; and

**WHEREAS**, We and the entire labor movement, as well as all lovers of justice in this country and throughout the world, are convinced that they were imprisoned for no other reason than their activities on behalf of labor, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That we demand the immediate liberation of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, By this Convention, that the International Union should hereafter participate in all efforts to bring about this result.

convinced of his absolute innocence?

**Answer**—No, I never met him. But I know enough about his record in the Marine Firemen's Union to be certain that he is too sincere, devoted and intelligent a union leader to depend upon violence to maintain his leadership.

**Question**—What about this issue of violence? The ship-owners are always accusing the unions of using it.

**Answer**—Such accusations are nonsense. They are made for the purpose of alienating public support from the union men. The ship-owners, themselves, are the ones who advocate and practice violence against union men, through vigilantes, special police and sheriff's deputies. The recent convention of the California State Federation of Labor in Sacramento went on record to fight vigilantism wherever it raises its ugly head. Labor's history is full of instances of employer-violence. Events in Salinas are the most recent samples of it.

**Question**—How do you account for the fact that so many up-town unions and Central Labor bodies have indicated support of King, Ramsay and Connor, and so many taking part in the defense?

**Answer**—Organized labor in California and good American citizens are determined not to have another Tom Mooney case here. We know that if this frame-up is successful, any labor leader may be victimized next. Support of the defense is a means of self-protection for every man and woman in the state.

**Question**—What is your personal opinion as to whether or not they will be convicted?

**Answer**—I think not. I believe there has been enough mass sentiment built up in the labor movement—and among citizens who believe in justice—for the defense of King, Ramsay and Connor to make the ship-owners realize that they can't get away with it. But if they should be determined to go through with it, that will be the beginning of an aggressive campaign to free our brother unionists.

#### TO AID STEEL DRIVE

CHICAGO—A broad conference of foreign-language fraternal orders with steel worker membership will be held Nov. 29 here, to aid the organization of the steel workers.



—Courtesy Union News Service (C.I.O.).

## "Point of Order"

(A Trade Union Column)

By Slim

THIS is the nineteenth birthday of the Soviet Union. On November 7, 1917, the workers and the farmers of the Soviet Union once and for all cast overboard the system whereby man exploits man for the enrichment of a handful of multi-millionaires, and the impoverishment of the many.

The trade unions, which had become revolutionary weapons, and in which the workers had been schooled for that final struggle which overthrew capitalism, played an important part in the November revolution.

Many American trade union members ask: "What part do the trade unions play in the Soviet Union?" Some ask if the unions still exist; others ask what are their functions; some have read in the Hearst press that the Soviet trade unions are mere rubber stamps for the government.

Let it be stated at the start that the government in actuality is the workers and the farmers, and all who toil with hand or brain.

But we'll come to this rubber stamp business later.

The All-Union Council of Trade Unions is the central trade union organization in the Soviet Union.

Every member of it was born of working-class parents; every member of it worked the best years of his or her life in mine, mill or factory.

In looking over the structure of the All-Union Council, you notice that its sections are as follows:

1—Responsible instructors of the All-Union Council of Trade Unions (whose job is the development of leaders of the unions from among the workers).

2—Section for planning wages (whose job is the drawing up, through consultations in each factory and each industry between the workers and the management, of new wage scales and agreements).

3—Social insurance bureau (whose task is the carrying out of the social insurance laws under which old-age pensions, maternity insurance and services, and many other similar benefits are provided for).

4—Labor inspection bureau (whose task is to see to it that fullest and most modern safety protection is provided in the factories and industries, among other things).

5—Cultural and club inspection (whose job is the supervision and further development of the theatrical groups, literary groups, educational circles, musical groups, clubs, with their many facilities of recreation and entertainment, which exist in every factory and place of work).

6—Physical culture bureau (whose task is the supervision and further improvement of sports organizations, physical culture, and health in every place of work).

And that's the idea of the functions of the trade unions in the Soviet Union.

Some workers ask if there are ever strikes in the Soviet Union, or if they are allowed.

With things like the above provided, would any American worker find cause to strike? Only, of course, anybody knows all these things will never be provided under a system of profits for a few at the expense of the many.

If you ask the Soviet trade union member if he's allowed to strike, he'd laugh. He'd tell you that there's no cause for strikes.

He gets all the above—and he has a voice in the management of his factory, in the determination of what the output of his factory shall be.

He is the government—he and 170,000,000 other workers and farmers.

The wage scales are determined after discussion throughout the length and breadth of the country, in every factory.

The trade union leaders are men like himself, whom he has chosen—he and his fellow trade unionists. He knows the highest trade union leaders as men who fought through many a bitter strike in the days before the revolution, through many a tough spot in the revolution and the civil war.

Call his unions and his union leaders rubber stamps for the government, and he'll laugh heartily.

The government is he, and he is the government; the trade unions are run by and for him and his fellow workers.

And we'd advise against anyone telling him that his union is a rubber stamp, as he is leaving for a month's vacation, at full pay, all expenses paid.

Because then is when he'd laugh loudest.

## FROM LABORERS

SAN FRANCISCO. — Indications of the kind of support the maritime unions may expect from non-waterfront unions is shown by what Laborers Union 281 is ready to do when the maritime unions need that support.

Its delegate McGovern, in the Central Labor Council, has assured the maritime unions that the Laborers feel obligated to aid the waterfront unions whenever they need it.

To that end Laborers Union members feel that their last cent belongs to the waterfront unions whenever they need it.

## Warehousemen Unite In L.A.

LOS ANGELES. — Organizer report that the Warehouse Workers' Union was granted a charter this week and that several meetings are scheduled to carry on intensive organization. They declared that within a short time all the eligible workers, numbering about 1500, will be enrolled.

The motion picture Painters' Union have drawn up a resolution requesting that a conference of international unions be called upon to instruct the A.F.L. convention, which is to be held in Tampa, Fla., to put in motion machinery that will result in declaring a closed shop of the motion picture industry.

Going into the eighth week of their strike against the Krohler plant in Inglewood, the militant Upholsterers' Union this week bitingly denounced the Eastern Columbia Outfitting Co., which is supposed to adhere to union principals, for running two-page advertisements in Hearst papers expounding the virtues of the finky Krohler products. A spokesman for the union stated that a continuance of this policy would result in the Columbia being again put on the unfair list.

For the first time in several years a business agent has been elected to the Jewelers' Union, which has become 100 per cent organized during recent months. A drive for an increase in wages is under way and the workers feel confident that it will be granted without the necessity of a strike.

## Fight To End Anti-Picket Act

LONG BEACH.—Recently, on receipt of a resolution condemning the Long Beach Anti-picketing ordinance and offering support to the Long Beach Oil Workers union in a fight against it, sent to the Long Beach Central Labor Council by the Sailors Union of the Pacific San Pedro branch, the Labor Council agreed to concur in the resolution and begin immediately a campaign against the ordinance.

The resolution is as follows: **WHEREAS**, An ordinance of the City of Long Beach prohibits all picketing in that city; and **WHEREAS**, The Teamster's Union recently was restrained from picketing a scab dairy outfit, the Richmond, and members of the Teamsters Union were arrested, fined, and sentenced to jail for conducting peaceful picketing in front of the scab place; and this action, by the courts, was sustained by the Appellate Court; and

**WHEREAS**, The Oil Workers Union of Long Beach recently passed a resolution condemning the anti-picketing ordinance as being unconstitutional and a menace to the existence of Organized Labor and also declared for the waging of a campaign by Organized Labor to use the right of Legislative Initiative through a petition drive and have the anti-picketing ordinance wiped from the statute books; and

**WHEREAS**, This anti-picketing ordinance is the direct concern of the Maritime Unions in the Harbor, inasmuch as the Marine Service Bureau has recently been moved to Long Beach, and it becomes evident that the ship-owners, if they force us into a lockout, will use Long Beach to run their scabs through, preventing any decisive measures by the Maritime Unions by means of the anti-picketing ordinance; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That this organization approve the action of the Teamsters Union and the Oil Workers Union, as regards this anti-picketing ordinance, and that we offer them our fullest support, and send them copies of this resolution; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor and City Council of Long Beach; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the delegates from this organization to the District Council of the Maritime Federation be instructed to present this resolution there for their concurrence; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the delegates from this organization to the Central Labor Council introduce this resolution for their concurrence and with the further recommendation that the Central Labor Councils of Long Beach and San Pedro-Wilmington form a joint committee for the purpose of waging a broad initiative campaign to bring this ordinance before the sovereign people and have it wiped from the statute books.

The vote of concurrence was unanimous in the Labor Council.

#### BIG SUM FOR MOONEY

TACOMA.—The Tacoma Central Labor Council voted \$150, the proceeds of its Labor Day picnic, to the Tom Mooney Defense.

## DRIVE IS ON FOR 15000 NEW MEN IN WOOD UNIONS

### L.A. Unions Aim To Make Industries 100% Unionized

LOS ANGELES. — The Joint Council of Lumber Fixture and Furniture Workers announced this week the opening of a drive to organize between 10,000 and 15,000 unorganized wood workers in Los Angeles County.

Plans have been set up to establish local unions in each branch of the wood industry and wood workers all over Southern California are watching with keen interest the efforts of the joint council, which is made up of four of the strongest local unions—Millmen's Union, Furniture Workers' Union, Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union of Los Angeles and the Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union of San Diego.

#### Miserable Wages

Pointing to the miserable wages paid unorganized wood workers, the unions comprising the Big Four calls attention to their own gains since strengthening their forces.

For example, the Millmen's Union, since a period of revitalization that occurred a year and a half ago, has managed to achieve wage increases from 45 and 50 cents per hour to the present scale of \$1.

The remaining unions, all of them comparatively new, have bettered working conditions and brought about proportionate raises in wages, with the Furniture Workers' Union the highest in the country.

The Joint Council has pooled the resources of the individual unions and put organizers in the field to carry through the most intensive drive of union organization in the history of Los Angeles.

The successes of its approximately 4000 members and declares that a completely organized wood industry here would present one of the most powerful mainstays of organized labor in Los Angeles and a strong bulwark against reaction.

Expressing solidarity with the Maritime Unions, the Joint Council believes the best way to be of service to them is to organize the unorganized.

## L.A. Union Drive On Phone Company

LOS ANGELES.—Officials of the Electrical Workers' Union announce beginning Jan. 1, a drive will be put into effect to organize all branches of the industry. Special effort will be made to concentrate on the telephone company and the Pacific Electric Railroad.

All union sympathizers are urged to demand from the telephone company that installers, repairmen, and line men carry union cards. It is reported that the International Union has already organized in the local field.

The Carpenters' Union of Huntington Park report their membership has increased recently from 100 to 300 members and that the city is now 100 per cent organized.

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#### Goes to Long Beach For Anti-Picket Information

LOS ANGELES.—Appealing for legal guidance in drafting an anti-picketing ordinance from County Counsel Mattoon here October 27, Roger Walsh, District Attorney of Kings County, was referred to Long Beach authorities where a new anti-picketing ordinance has recently brought wholesale arrests of workers struggling for decent wages.

#### Fighting Seaman



THE SEAMEN on the West Gulf and East Coasts are on strike at the present time, the West Coast men for basic demands and the others in sympathy with them. Here's a Spanish seaman, who went to the front lines in the fight against fascist forces.

## SOLID IN FACE OF EVERY OPEN SHOPPERS TRICK

LOS ANGELES.—In the tenth week of strike conditions, Rosenblum, Inc., is in the position of being caught in the cross fire of open shop dictates from the labor-hating Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, on the one hand, and the militant stand taken by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union, on the other.

Resorting to all the vicious practices of open shoppers against the Clothing Workers' Union, Rosenblum officials stand charged with doing everything possible to prevent a fair settlement of the strike.

From injunctions with resultant costly court litigations to the employment of scabs and provocateurs, from numerous arrests of workers in a siege of police terror to the perjury testimony of stool pigeons, and from noxious attempts by the reactionary press to discredit union workers to deceit and cunning; none of these dampened the spirit that brought clothing workers out of sweatshops and starvation wages and into a powerful international union, and none will, if predictions can be gauged by the staunch moral and financial conditions the present ten-week strike finds the workers.

On the other hand, Rosenblum, Inc., have paid an enormous price by following the policy of the M. and M., in place of falling into line with the more than 50 local clothing shops now operating under union agreements. And Rosenblum officials are beginning to learn that shabby, scab-made products are more expensive than the just demands of the Clothing Workers' Union.

Meanwhile, the fight goes on, and the clothing workers, backed by the full strength of organized labor in Los Angeles, promise they will continue their struggle for increased wages and union recognition until they win.

## Charges Are Filed Against Inglewood Aircraft Firm

LOS ANGELES.—Charges were filed with Dr. Towne Nylander, head of the National Labor Relations Board, here last week against the Northrup Aircraft Company of Inglewood by the Western Mechanics' International Union who claimed the company had fired three of its members for union activities and, at the same time, asked to be certified as a collective bargaining agency.

Nylander stated that all charges must be investigated before complaints are issued.

#### No Meeting Held Without New Men Being Initiated

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## REINSTATEMENT OF FIRED MEN GUILD DEMAND

### Condition to "P-I" Strike Settlement In Seattle

NEW YORK.—The American Newspaper Guild is willing to accept proposals of the American Federation of Labor Council for settling the strike on Hearst's Seattle Post-Intelligencer, subject to two modifications. These are:

1. That Pres. William Green of the A.F. of L. serve as arbitrator rather than negotiator on its projected negotiating committee, to which a representative of the A.N.G. would be added.

2. That Frank J. Lynch and Everhardt Armstrong, whose dismissal from the staff led to the strike, be given employment during the period between reopening of the paper and completion of negotiations.

The guild had originally protested issuance of the proposal by Pres. Green on the ground that it infringed the autonomy of an international union. The Green proposal suggested reinstatement of strikers, removal of the paper from the Seattle central body's unfair list, resumption of publication within 72 hours, and disposal of Lynch's and Armstrong's cases by the Natl. Labor Relations Board. A conference would be held between a committee of the Seattle central body and the Hearst management over conditions of employment. In case of failure to reach an agreement, the matter would be referred to Green and a representative of the management.

The guild's reply, signed by Exec. Sec. Jonathan Eddy, states that the proposal makes no provision for guild recognition, the 5-day, 40-hour week, or protective minimum pay scales and tenure of employment—all paid vacations, paid sick leave and tenure of employment, all of them strike demands. Moreover, "would in no wise pre-discharge men, in the guild's over, reinstatement of the two judge the issue as to whether or not they were unjustly dismissed, inasmuch as failure of the parties to reach an agreement, along with any other outstanding issues, would revert to the arbiter who might order this dismissal."

## VIGILANTES IN REDLANDS

REDLANDS.—Determined not to raise wages of agricultural workers, even before they are demanded, leading growers in the Redlands and Highland districts have dragged out the "red herring" of "outside agitators" in a move to sway public sentiment against possible strikes in these areas during the coming orange-picking season.

As a front for setting up a vigilante army, the growers are forming an organization for the "protection" of workers from "an invasion of subversive elements and strike agitators."

## SIT-DOWN STRIKE IN RUBBER PLANT HAS 15000 OUT

AKRON.—A small sit down involving four men became a big sit-down involving 3,500 and in turn a lockout of 15,000, as Akron's giant Goodyear plant closed in the second great shutdown in a month in the city's rubber industry. The situation was regarded as even more charged with high feeling than when Goodrich slammed shut its gates on Sept. 22.

The current dispute began when four men in Goodyear's Plant 2, scene of some 30 sit-downs in eight months and battlefields where barricades were once erected as a defense measure by the workers, sat down when the company attempted to violate seniority rights.

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